

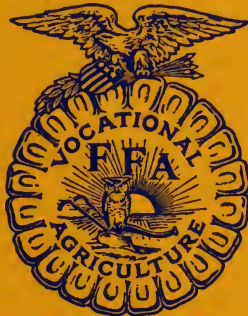
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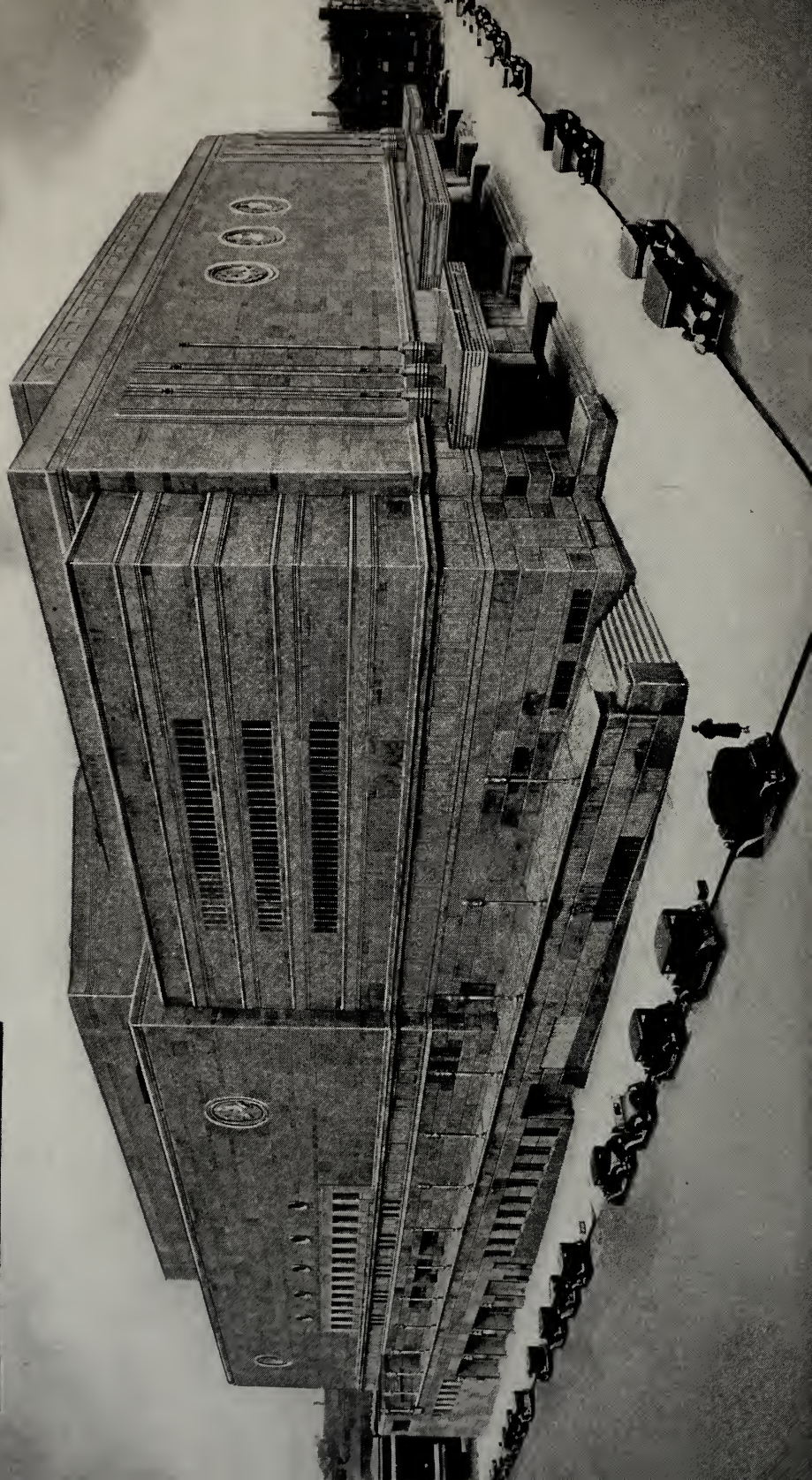
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INTRODUCTION

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization of boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts. Launched at Kansas City in November, 1928, the organization has continued to develop rapidly. On June 30, 1945, the active membership totaled 195,145 in 6,030 chapters of 47 States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

The primary aim of the Future Farmers of America organization is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, citizenship, and patriotism. Other purposes include: strengthening the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work; more intelligent choice of farming occupations; creating and nurturing a love of country life; improving the rural home and its surroundings; encouraging cooperative effort; encouraging thrift; improving scholarship; providing organized recreational activities for rural people; and supplementing, by means of boy-initiated and boy-directed activities, the systematic instruction offered to prospective young farmers regularly enrolled in day-school vocational agriculture courses.

The Future Farmers of America organization of voluntary membership has taken its place with other agencies interested in the upbuilding of agriculture and the improvement of country life. National Headquarters of the Future Farmers of America is located in the U. S. Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, Washington 25, D. C. National conventions are held annually at Kansas City, Missouri.

The "streamlined" Eighteenth National Convention of the Future Farmers of America was held at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Missouri, October 9 and 10, 1945. Delegates were present from 43 chartered associations. The total registration was only 251 as compared to over 6,000 in 1941. This voluntary decrease was made in the interests of relieving transportation and hotel facilities.

These Proceedings constitute a yearbook on organization activities. The complete minutes of the Convention sessions are included along with certain other important material which is supplementary to or explanatory of the Convention activities. Press releases, as well as certain newspaper accounts, were used in compiling parts of this publication. Thanks are due to the other members of the Agricultural Education Service for their assistance in the preparation of material for this publication.

A. W. TENNEY,
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Arizona.....	Neil McLéod Box 295, Peoria, Ariz.	Clare Huber Rt. 2, Box 380, Mesa, Ariz.
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California.....	Eugene E. Starkey Rt. 2, Box 196, Orland, Calif.	
Colorado.....	Larry Travis Holyoke, Colo.	
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Delaware.....	Jack Webb Goldsboro, Md.	
Florida.....	Sandy Johnson Rt. 1, Quincy, Fla.	
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Indiana.....	Melvin Maxwell R. R. No. 3, Martinsville, Ind.	Eldon E. Cox Columbia City, Ind.
Iowa.....	Kenneth Parrett Batavia, Ia.	
Kansas.....	Jack Hall.....	Bob Jones Tecumseh, Kan. Rt. No. 2, Princeton, Kan.
Kentucky.....	James A. Moss Rt. No. 3, Bowling Green	
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New York.....	Howard Rich Hobart, N. Y.		
North Carolina.....	James Parker Brown Lasker, North Car.		
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Tennessee.....	Billy McClain	Nolensville, Tenn.	Keith Patterson Henderson, Tenn.
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Wisconsin.....	Russell D. Robinson.....	Mauston, Wisc.	Donald Blume Rt. No. 1, Cumberland, Wisc.
Wyoming.....	Earl Derry.....	Powell, Wyo.	Fritz Rein Star Rt., Riverton, Wyo.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 THROUGH MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

Executive Sessions, F.F.A. National Board of Trustees, President Hotel

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

2:00 P. M.—Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium.

6:30 P. M.—Get-together Dinner for National F.F.A. Officers and Delegates, Aztec Room, President Hotel.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

National F.F.A. Day

8:00 A. M.—Registration, Grand Foyer, Municipal Auditorium.

9:00 A. M.—Opening Session, 18th National Convention of F.F.A., Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium.

- Opening ceremony
- Invocation
- Music or entertainment
- Report on delegate credentials
- Roll call of States and seating of delegates
- Address of welcome
- Minutes of the 17th Convention

Officers' Reports—

- President
- Vice Presidents (in order of seniority)
- Student Secretary
- Treasurer
- Executive Secretary
- Adviser

- Nominations for the American Farmer Degree
- Appointment of committees
- Announcements

1:30 P. M.—Second Session, F.F.A. National Convention, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium.

- Call to order
- Election of active and Honorary American Farmers.
- Raising of active members to Degree of American Farmer.
- Announcements
- Closing ceremony
- Committee work

8:00 P. M.—F.F.A. National Public Speaking Contest, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium.

- Opening ceremony
- Special American Farmer Awards
- Star Farmer Awards
- Conferring Honorary American Farmer Degrees
- Chapter Contest Awards
- J. A. Linke Award
- Entertainment
- Closing ceremony

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00 A. M.—Third Session, F.F.A. National Convention, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium.


- Opening ceremony
- Music or entertainment
- Committee reports
- Business

1:30 P. M.—Closing Session, F.F.A. National Convention, Little Theater, Municipal Auditorium.

- Call to order
- Business (continued)
- State reports
- Address by retiring president
- Election of officers
- Signing of scroll by new officers
- Greetings of incoming officers
- Presentation of past officers' pins and certificates
- Closing ceremony and convention adjournment

4:30 P. M.—Joint Executive Session, 1944-45 and 1945-46 F.F.A. National Boards of Trustees. (Place to be announced.)

6:30 P. M.—Annual Banquet. Guests of Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce, Hotel President. (Tickets obtained at time of registration.)



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18th ANNUAL CONVENTION
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA
OPENING SESSION
LITTLE TONNETTE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM
MINNEAPOLIS, MN OCT. 9, 1945

Minutes of the Convention

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1945

Morning Session

The Eighteenth National Convention of the Future Farmers of America convened at 9 o'clock in the Little Theatre of the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, President Oliver H. Kinzie of Cushing, Oklahoma, presiding. First Vice President Sigvald J. Sandberg; Second Vice President David B. Jameson; Third Vice President Merrill J. Hallam; Student Secretary George C. Fry; Adviser W. T. Spanton; Executive Secretary A. W. Tenney; and, Treasurer D. J. Howard were present. Fourth Vice President Tom Vaughan was unable to attend the Convention.

Following the regular opening ceremony, President Kinzie called upon Third Vice President Hallam to pronounce the invocation.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was then called for and Student Secretary Fry reported 71 official delegates present from 43 chartered associations. The roll call and seating of the delegates followed.

The address of welcome was given by the Honorable John B. Gage, Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri.

President Kinzie appointed the Nominating Committee.

The minutes of the Seventeenth National Convention as read by Student Secretary Fry were approved unanimously in their entirety.

Vice President Sandberg assumed the chair. The next order of business was officer reports. President Kinzie presented his report which was approved as read. The President resumed the chair.

The reports of Vice Presidents Sandberg, Jameson, Hallam, and Vaughan, and Student Secretary Fry were approved as read. The reports of Treasurer Howard and Executive Secretary Tenney were adopted as read.

The rules were suspended and Adviser Spanton introduced the following guests: J. A. McDonald of radio station WSM in Nashville, Tennessee; Walter B. Anderson, Regional Manager, L. G. Balfour Company, Richmond, Virginia; Walter M. Tolan, Universal Uniform Company, Van Wert, Ohio; Russell L. Guin, Vice President, The Interstate Printing Company, Danville, Illinois; Joe W. Jarvis, Supervisor, Agricultural Division, Union Pacific Rail-

road Company, Omaha, Nebraska; Harold W. Benn, Agricultural Agent, Eastern Division, Union Pacific Railroad Company, Omaha, Nebraska; H. M. Bainer, General Agricultural Agent, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway System, Amarillo, Texas; Herman F. Linde, Deere & Company, Moline, Illinois; Tom G. Chase, Swift & Company, Chicago, Illinois; Horace D. Millhone, The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio; R. A. Schlarb, The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio; Lee H. Ford, Supervisor, Educational Relations, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois; C. W. Davis, International Harvester Company, Kansas City, Missouri; James L. Robinson, Farm Credit Administration, Kansas City, Missouri; Milton R. Dunk, Editor, BETTER FARMING METHODS, Mount Morris, Illinois; R. N. Hoskins, Industrial Forester, Seaboard Air Line Railway, Norfolk, Virginia; A. W. Turner, Agricultural Engineer, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Maryland; W. Floyd Keepers, Secretary, Dairy Barn Equipment Association, Chicago, Illinois; E. F. Vandrell, Chicago, St. Paul & Milwaukee Railroad, Chicago, Illinois; and Mr. Cromwell, ex-Mayor of Kansas City.

President Kinzie then declared a 10-minute recess.

Adviser Spanton presented his report and concluded by reading the list of those recommended to receive the Degree of American Farmer. Those nominated were as follows:

(From the Active Membership)

Alabama

Quinton R. Cummings, Route No. 1,
Thorsby
Ollis Hancock, Crane Hill
Numan Jacobs, Ralph

Arizona

Louis A. Tryon, Route No. 1, Box
16AA, Tempe

Arkansas

Billey Grimes, Rogers
Cleo B. Jackson, Green Forest
Dexter Samuel Simmons, Vilonia
P. J. Smith, Hindsville
Eugene Warren, Berryville
A. J. Wyatt, Rogers

California

Bruce Wayne Borrer, Springville
Donald F. Giacomini, Box 232,
R.F.D., Ferndale
Harold Hanson, Box 164, Route
No. 1, Arvin
Harold Burtis Hargis, Box 256,
Rural Route No. 1, Tulare
Thomas Carroll Kirkland, Bloom-
field
Eugene Edward Starkey, Box 196,
Route No. 2, Orland
Raymond Thomas, Box 39, Route
No. 3, Madera

Colorado

Sherman C. Blach, Yuma

Delaware

L. Robbins Webb, Lincoln

Florida

William Vernon Abshier, Jr., Belle-
view
Grinnelle Edward Bishop, Aucilla
Ben Harrell Floyd, Lamont
James Hunter Williams, Ocala

Georgia

J. B. Bradley, Greensboro
Johnie Clark, Route No. 4, Moultrie
Roy Harrison, Jr., Tignall
Joris C. McGahee, Hilton

Hawaii

Ralph Kanichi Ajifu, Kaneohe,
Oahu

Idaho

Max Eldon Rigby, Route No. 1,
Grace

Illinois

Oliver Merle Bowers, Cerro Gordo
Orville W. Dickhaut, Rural Route
No. 1, Mascoutah
Scott Donald Erickson, Altona
Harold Daniel Guither, Route No. 1,
Walnut

Ralph Louis Leffelman, Sublette
Loren E. Nelson, Varna
Donald James Robertson, Fowler
Willis Edwin Varland, Box 115,
R.F.D. No. 3, Morris
Dwight Zehr, Normal

Indiana

Ervin Martin, Route No. 4, Salem

Iowa

William C. Ballantyne, Lamoni
Robert C. Curtis, Rural Route No.
2, Chariton
John Stuart Huldeen, Odebolt
Henry Pothast, Waverly

Kansas

Paul Conrardy, R.F.D. No. 3, King-
man
Jack V. Hall, Tecumseh
Bob Jones, Princeton

Kentucky

Walter Payne Coleman, Jr.,
R.F.D. No. 6, Lexington
Lenard C. Geoghegan, Rural Route
No. 1, Bardstown
Roy D. Rice, Rural Route No. 1,
Mayslick
Robert W. Tyler, Jr., Adairville

Louisiana

James Hartwell Fair, Route No. 1,
Castor

Maine

Edward D. Hews, Presque Isle

Maryland

J. Homer Remsberg, Jr., Middle-
town

Michigan

Edward Brzoznowski, Route No. 2,
Iron River
Winton Hice, Rural Route No. 4,
Charlotte
Lyle W. Lynd, Rural Route No. 4,
Charlotte
Carroll Moon, Route No. 2, Olivet
Ronald Keith Richmond, R.F.D. No.
2, Grand Ledge
Byron Waddell, Olivet

Minnesota

Curtis Allen Hanson, Lakefield
Robert A. Jacobson, Ortonville

Mississippi

Carrol Frazier Landrum, Route No.
2, Mize
Herbert W. Ward, Benton
Kermitt Warthy, Route No. 4,
Grenada

Missouri

Donald Oscar Block, R.F.D. No. 1,
California

Gerald Dorner, Rural Route No. 1,
Carrollton
Thomas Lynn Jones, Molino
Harry Juergens, Route No. 1,
Gideon

Montana

John F. Stewart, 416 South Strevell
Avenue, Miles City
Earl Weaver, Jr., Creston

Nebraska

Max Eugene Kimmerling, Route
No. 3, Beatrice
Jesse Nemechek, Jr., Humboldt
Edward E. Rousek, Burwell

Nevada

Virgil Getto, P. O. Box 345, Fallon

New Jersey

Everett B. Thompson, Mickleton

New York

Robert Flanagan, R. D. No. 1,
Whitesville
Walter Flanagan, R. D. No. 1,
Whitesville
Robert C. Stockwell, Fort Plain
Russell F. Swartz, Box 204, Fort
Plain

North Carolina

Roy Arrington, Waynesville
Benjamin Chambers, R.F.D. No. 4,
Elizabeth City
Wilbur V. Earley, Route No. 1,
Bostic
Robert Henry Francis, Jr., Waynes-
ville
Grimes Harrelson, Route No. 1,
Cherryville
Gilbert Matthews, Route No. 1,
Sanford
Pressley Davis Ostwalt, Route No.
3, Statesville
Colon Leonard Richardson, Star
Route, Asheboro
Murphy Sample, R.F.D. No. 1,
Elizabeth City
John L. Tart, Route No. 1, Four
Oaks

North Dakota

Gerhardt Louis Hintz, Elgin

Ohio

John Frederick Boving, Canal Win-
chester
Gordon John Eichhorn, Route No.
7, Marion
Richard C. Glass, Convoy
Robert Davis Huss, Genoa
John N. Miller, R.F.D. No. 1, Grove-
port
Otto A. Shaw, Route No. 2, Rock-
bridge

Justin H. Sherman, Rural Route
No. 1, Kenton
John A. Spreng, Rural Route No. 2,
Bucyrus

Oklahoma

Ira Ray Carpenter, Route No. 4,
Shawnee
Charles Melvin Holland, Hobart
Jack Wayne Keathly, Marland
Glenn Millwee, Fort Cobb
James R. Scheirman, Kingfisher
Robert Totusek, Garber
Ray Tucker, Finley

Oregon

Paul Dickman, Box 340, Route No.
1, Silverton
Wilford D. Rock, Oretown

Pennsylvania

Walter D. Carlin, Jr., R. D. No. 4,
Coatesville
William Houser, Millerton
Clifford R. Kunkle, R. D. No. 4,
Montrose
George G. Paxton, R. D. No. 1,
Washington
Heber B. Shelly, R. D. No. 1, Man-
heim
LeRoy W. Slater, R. D. No. 2, Lang-
horne
Raymond F. Witmer, R. D. No. 1,
Willow Street

South Carolina

Thomas James Phillips, Route No.
1, Woodruff
Reuben Reames, Woodruff
William Patrick Vinson, Route No.
1, Columbia

South Dakota

Virgil Clayton Thiele, Twin Brooks

Tennessee

Wilbur Allen Agee, Pikeville
Paul D. Alexander, Hartsville
James Edmond Bruce, R.F.D. No. 4,
Morristown
Elmer Massey, Raleigh
Ray McCall, Carthage
Billy O. McClain, Nolensville
Kenneth Neal, Lebanon
Dee Prince, Savannah

Texas

Billy Joe Barnett, Krum
Marion Fisher Baumgardner, Route
No. 1, Wellington
Charles Ray Brown, Route No. 2,
Denison
Gene Cade, Route No. 5, Lubbock
B. I. Dahl, Jr., Clifton
Eldon Davis, Gary
J. E. Heathington, North Route,
Ralls

Bennie Bob Hobgood, Route No. 1,
Ropesville
Milton L. Honza, Route No. 1,
Ennis

Lynton Bert Irish, Logansport,
Louisiana

Francis E. Kott, Kerrville
John H. LaRue, Lovelady
Kelly Lewellen, Midland
Milton Rister, Route No. 2, Granger
James H. Simpson, 228 Sneed Hall,
Texas Tech College, Lubbock
Rondall Stanley, Box 172, Seminole
Alfred Taylor, Route No. 1, Beeville
Billie Edwards Weston, Alpine
Walter Wooley, Route No. 1, Box
148A, Devine
Joy Lee Yarbrough, Ponder

Utah

Rex Limb, Beaver
Eugene Scott Sanford, R.F.D. No. 1,
Delta
John Junior Stephenson, Holden

Vermont

Neal Alton Tarbox, Orleans

Virginia

William Agnew, Burkeville
Benjamin James Bryant, Handsom
Francis Marcellus Harris, Jr., Ellers-
son
Dennis McCarty, 3rd, Delaplane
Frank Campbell Ott, Remington
Harper Kagey Phillips, R.F.D. No.
1, Waynesboro
Ben David Wheeler, Spout Spring

Washington

Clifford E. Bailey, Route No. 3,
Snohomish
Vernon Stokes, Route No. 3, Ellens-
burg
Larry R. Thónney, Box 235, Pull-
man

West Virginia

Sherman C. Beard, Jr., Gerrards-
town
John C. Gibson, R.F.D. No. 1, Terra
Alta
Forrest Hammond, Jr., Route No.
4, Martinsburg

Wisconsin

Alvin Goninen, Jr., Rewey
Francis B. Hager, Bay City
Harold F. Hoffmann, Route No. 2
Chilton
Herbert Walter Klein, Rural Route
No. 2, North Freedom
Richard Dell Leonhard, Tony
Darrell Elmer Mueller, Rural Route
No. 3, Seymour
Lorraine J. Orrick, Gays Mills

(Honorary American Farmer Candidates)

Walter H. Atzenweiler, Agricultural Commissioner, Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City, Missouri.

J. C. Cash, President, Kansas City Stock Yards Company, Kansas City, Missouri.

I. W. Duggan, Governor, Farm Credit Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Kansas City, Missouri.

Russell L. Guin, Vice President, The Interstate Printing Company, Danville, Illinois.

A. W. Turner, Assistant Chief, Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils and Agricultural Engineering, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Maryland.

Claude E. Boggs, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Talbotton, Georgia.

D. A. Parish, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Byron, Illinois.

Robert J. Walker, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Chenoa, Illinois.

J. P. Truitt, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Lexington, Kentucky.

Graydon Blank, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Alma, Michigan.

R. A. Pilster, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Neligh, Nebraska.

Otto T. Krausse, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

L. F. Hutton, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, West Milford, West Virginia.

The Convention recessed at 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1945**Afternoon Session**

The second session was called to order at 1:30 p. m., President Kinzie presiding. The first order of business was the raising of State Farmers to the degree of American Farmer. Moss of Kentucky moved that the candidates recommended by the National Board of Trustees for the Degree of American Farmer be accepted; motion seconded by McLeod of Arizona and carried. The candidates took their places and the regular Fourth Degree Ceremony was carried through.

President Kinzie then appointed the committees. The remainder of the afternoon session was devoted to committee work.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1945**Morning Session**

The convention was called to order at 9 o'clock with the opening ceremony.

Musical selections were rendered by William C. Ballantyne of Iowa and J. Glyndon Stuff of Illinois.

The rules were suspended and Executive Secretary Tenney introduced Robert Romack, Managing Editor of the AMERICAN FARM YOUTH Magazine.

The meeting was declared open under the heading of committee reports. Vinson of South Carolina presented the report of the Committee on Official Merchandise and moved that the report be adopted as read; motion seconded by Kimmerling of Nebraska and



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carried. Mr. Walter B. Anderson, Regional Manager of the L. G. Balfour Company, and Mr. W. M. Tolan of the Universal Uniform Company presented brief reports on the jewelry and uniform situations respectively.

Starkey of California presented the report of the Committee on 1945 American Farmer applications and moved that the report be adopted as read; motion seconded by Lenz of Minnesota and carried.

Douglass of West Virginia presented a resolution dealing with American Farmer candidates, but since it involved a constitutional amendment, he was declared out of order. Douglass moved that the rules be suspended; motion seconded and lost.

Unkenholz of North Dakota presented the report of the Committee on the 1945-46 National Chapter Contest Rules and moved that it be adopted as read; motion seconded by Hamilton of Ohio and carried.

Douglass of West Virginia presented the report of the Committee on 1945-46 National Public Speaking Contest Rules and moved that it be adopted as read; motion seconded by Huber of Arizona. Kuntz of Illinois moved to amend the report by adding the following: If it is decided to make recordings of the National Public Speaking Contest, that a record be kept as a library of the four contestants' speeches; motion seconded by Wythe of Nebraska and carried. The report as amended was voted on and carried.

Roy of Louisiana presented the report of the Committee on the Official Manual and moved that it be adopted as read; motion seconded by Grieser of Oklahoma and carried.

Student Secretary Fry presented the report of the Committee on the 1945 Proceedings since the chairman was absent and moved that it be adopted as read; motion seconded by Waddington of New Jersey and carried.

Remsberg of Maryland presented the report of the Auditing Committee and moved that it be adopted as read; motion seconded by Hansen of Minnesota and carried.

Stuff of Illinois presented the report of the Committee on Public Relations and moved that it be adopted as read; motion seconded by Webb of Delaware and carried.

Sanford of Utah moved that the report of the Committee on the 1945-46 National Chapter Contest Rules be reconsidered; motion seconded by Kuntz of Illinois and carried. Unkenholz of North Dakota reread the report. Kuntz of Illinois moved to amend the report by striking out the words "Gold Emblem chapters cannot compete again for two years"; motion seconded by Waddington of New Jersey and carried. Kuntz of Illinois moved that the report be adopted as amended; motion seconded by Elk of New York and carried.

The rules were suspended and Mr. John A. Rohlf, Associate Editor of the FARM JOURNAL and Mr. F. E. Charles, Associate Editor of THE FURROW, were introduced by Executive Secretary Tenney.

Getto of Nevada presented the report of the Committee on the 1945-46 National Program of Work and moved that the report be adopted as read; motion seconded by Grieser of Oklahoma and carried.

Executive Secretary Tenney presented the report on the National F.F.A. Camp and moved that the report be adopted as read; motion seconded by Englund of South Dakota and carried.

Executive Secretary Tenney introduced Lieutenant Baldwin who was a former F.F.A. member and teacher of vocational agriculture in Virginia.

Roy of Louisiana moved that the delegates send greetings to Hawaii and Puerto Rico; motion seconded by Douglass of West Virginia and carried.

Executive Secretary Tenney presented a report on tentative plans for the 1946 Victory Convention.

Hamilton of Ohio moved that the Victory Convention be held in 1946; motion seconded by Baumgardner of Texas and carried.

Executive Secretary Tenney presented the budget for 1945-46 and moved its adoption; motion seconded by Douglass of West Virginia and carried.

NATIONAL F.F.A. BUDGET

November 1, 1945 through October 31, 1946

Anticipated Revenue:

Membership dues	\$20,000.00
Income Camp and Old Mill	500.00
Royalties	9,000.00
Appropriation from Surplus	13,000.00

Total anticipated revenue\$42,500.00

Estimated Disbursements:

I. Travel	\$ 4,500.00
II. Convention	12,050.00
III. American Farmer Keys	1,500.00
IV. Printing	3,800.00
V. National Office Expense.....	14,418.00
VI. National Camp and Old Mill.....	3,710.00
VII. Contingent	2,522.00

Total Estimated Disbursements.....\$42,500.00

Mr. E. J. Johnson introduced Mr. John T. Stinson, Director of Agricultural Development of the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

The meeting recessed at 12 noon.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1945**Afternoon Session**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p. m., President Kinzie presiding.

Sanford of Utah presented the report of the Committee on the F.F.A. Foundation, Incorporated and moved that the report be adopted as read; motion seconded by Stuff of Illinois. Johnson of Florida moved to amend the report by adding "Each chapter contribute \$1.00 to the F.F.A. Foundation"; motion seconded by McLeod of Arizona and carried. The report was adopted as amended. Dr. Spanton presented his report on the Foundation. Sanford of Utah moved that the delegates instruct the Executive Secretary of the F.F.A. Foundation to send a letter to the donors of the Foundation expressing appreciation for the financial help and assistance they have given; motion seconded by Parrett of Idaho and carried.

The rules were suspended and President Kinzie presented for the national organization a silver compote to Mr. and Mrs. David B. Jameson who were married June 2, 1945 and First Vice President Sigvald J. Sandberg who was married June 10, 1945.

Huber of Arizona moved that the national organization contribute \$1,000 to the Foundation; motion seconded by Derry of Wyoming and carried.

Roy of Louisiana moved that the national dues be 10c per member, as they have been for the past eighteen years; motion seconded by Hintz of North Dakota and carried.

Moss of Kentucky moved that the Board of Trustees be given permission to edit all committee reports; motion seconded by McLeod of Arizona and carried.

Unkenholz of North Dakota moved that the Board of Trustees be given authority to act on any business coming between conventions; motion seconded by Kimmerling of Nebraska and carried.

Vinson of South Carolina presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions and moved that the report be adopted as read; motion seconded by Elk of New York and carried.

President Kinzie presented his farewell address. The other national officers were called upon to deliver their addresses.

Past Executive Secretary W. A. Ross was introduced and gave a very inspiring address.

Tucker of Oklahoma presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the names submitted; motion seconded by Muller of South Dakota and carried unanimously. The following Student Officers were declared elected as the National Officers for 1945-46:

PRESIDENT—J. Glyndon Stuff, Dixon, Illinois.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT—Sherman C. Beard, Jr., Gerrardstown, West Virginia.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT—Eugene E. Starkey, Orland, California.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT—Marion F. Baumgardner, Wellington, Texas.

FOURTH VICE PRESIDENT—Joseph E. Espey, Maryville, Missouri.

STUDENT SECRETARY—Virgil Getto, Fallon, Nevada.



1945-46 NATIONAL F. F. A. OFFICERS

Left to Right—A. W. TENNEY, *Executive Secretary*, Washington, D. C.; EUGENE E. STARKEY, *Second Vice-President*, Orland, California; VIRGIL GETTO, *Student Secretary*, Fallon, Nevada; J. GLYNDON STUFF, *President*, Dixon, Illinois; JOSEPH E. ESPEY, *Fourth Vice-President*, Maryville, Missouri; MARION F. BAUMGARDNER, *Third Vice-President*, Wellington, Texas; SHERMAN C. BEARD, JR., *First Vice-President*, Gerrardstown, West Virginia; DOWELL J. HOWARD, *Treasurer*, Richmond, Va., and W. T. SPANTON, *Adviser*, Washington, D. C.

President Kinzie called upon each of the newly elected officers and they delivered their acceptance speeches. President Kinzie turned the gavel over to the new president, J. Glyndon Stuff, who then presented each of the past officers with official national officer pins and certificates.

The new officers took their stations. The convention was adjourned at 4 o'clock with the regular closing ceremony.

Committee Reports

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN FARMER APPLICATIONS

We, the Committee on American Farmer applications, do hereby recommend the following changes in the American Farmer application blank:

1. **Page 2, Part I, Section A., footnote 2.**

Change the sentence, "The actual amount of money received by the candidate from each project as well as other money received in connection with each project shall be placed in this column," to "The actual amount of money received by the candidate from each project. Other income is recorded on page 6 only."

2. **Page 3.**

Add to the top of the page, "This record must not show estimates of credits, debits, etc." and add to the bottom of the page "The actual amount of money received by the candidate from each project. Other income is recorded on page 7 only."

3. **Page 4.**

Change the heading from "Supplementary Information" to "Candidate's Farming Status."

4. **Page 8.**

Add to the bottom of the page, "1/If the net worth exceeds the totals on pages 2 and 3, Column F, and pages 4 and 5, a detailed explanation must be made of the excess."

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE E. STARKEY, California, *Chairman*

DEWAIN L. ENGLUND, South Dakota

ELDON E. COX, Indiana

EARL DERRY, Wyoming

MAX RIGBY, Idaho

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Auditing Committee, have thoroughly reviewed and examined the National F.F.A. Treasurer's books as kept by the Treasurer, D. J. Howard.

The Committee, in checking over Mr. Howard's records found that they are complete and in neat order from November 1, 1944,

through September 30, 1945, and are in fine shape to be audited by a qualified accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HOMER REMSBERG, JR., Maryland,
Chairman

SANDY JOHNSON, Florida

CHARLES SEATON, Georgia

BURRIS BLACKWOOD, Montana

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL CHAPTER CONTEST

The National Chapter Contest Committee recommends that the 1945-46 rules and regulations for the National Chapter Contest shall be the same as 1944-45.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD UNKENHOLZ, North Dakota,
Chairman

BOB JONES, Kansas

CURTIS HANSEN, Minnesota

MAX KIMMERLING, Nebraska

JAMES ELLIOTT, Missouri

REPORT OF THE F.F.A. FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

We hereby submit the report of the Future Farmers of America Foundation Committee. The Committee met Tuesday, October 9, 1945, and carefully and accurately studied and debated the By-Laws, Certificate of Incorporation, and Administrative Policies of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, which were adopted by the Board of Trustees, Wednesday, July 19, 1944, in Washington, D. C.

We, the Committee, hereby recommend the approval by the assembly of the development of the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated.

We further recommend that each chapter contribute \$1.00 to the F.F.A. Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE SANFORD, Utah, *Chairman*

CHARLIE J. JUST, Idaho

WILLIAM G. KUNTZ, Illinois

D. R. BRANCH, Mississippi

KENNETH R. PARRETT, Iowa

MELVIN MAXWELL, Indiana

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL MANUAL

We, the Committee on the Official Manual, do hereby propose or recommend one major change, viz: the including of more parliamentary procedure in the Official Manual so as to facilitate procedure and understanding in local chapters.

We, as well, go on record as accepting in full the proposals and recommendations of last year's committee since their proposed changes have not all been included in this year's revised manual.

Respectfully submitted,

EWELL PAUL ROY, Louisiana, *Chairman*
DONALD BLUME, Wisconsin
FRITZ REIN, Wyoming
FRANCIS LUTWINAS, Connecticut
GERALD SAULS, Texas
EDWARD GOODE, Virginia

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

The Official Merchandise Committee wishes to submit the following report for delegate consideration:

After conferring with Mr. W. M. Tolan of the Universal Uniform Company, we recommend:

1. That we adopt the improved emblem with the gabardine base instead of the old swirl stitch emblem providing that the contour of the cross section of the ear of corn be followed.

After conferring with Mr. W. B. Anderson of the L. G. Balfour Company, we recommend:

1. That Greenhand pins be made of bronze as soon as possible.
2. That the type of catch be of the former style.
3. That Chapter Farmer pins be sterling silver.
4. That hollow ware with F.F.A. emblem be recommended for use as awards or gifts.
5. That overpayments of less than 25c be put in a revolving fund and the balance turned in to the national organization; and, that all orders for pins and buttons be made through the State Advisers.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK V. HALL, Kansas, *Chairman*
BILLY McCLAIN, Tennessee
FRANCIS M. HARRIS, JR., Virginia
CLIFFORD E. BAILEY, Washington
RUSSELL D. ROBINSON, Wisconsin
GEORGE BORSOTTI, Connecticut

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby submit the following candidates for national F.F.A. offices for the year 1945-46. After having given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants, we offer the following slate of candidates for the delegates' consideration:

President.....J. Glyndon Stuff, Illinois
 First Vice President....Sherman C. Beard, Jr., West Virginia
 Second Vice President.....Eugene E. Starkey, California
 Third Vice President.....Marion F. Baumgardner, Texas
 Fourth Vice President.....Joseph E. Espey, Missouri
 Student Secretary.....Virgil Getto, Nevada
 Treasurer.....D. J. Howard, Virginia
 Executive Secretary.....A. W. Tenney, Washington, D. C.
 Adviser.....W. T. Spanton, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted,

RAY TUCKER, Oklahoma, *Chairman*
 SHERMAN C. BEARD, JR., West Virginia
 MAX V. McLAUGHLIN, Alabama
 ROBERT TAYLOR, Oregon
 DALE ROSEL, Michigan
 WILLIAM MORGAN, Mississippi
 HOWARD RICH, New York
 KENNETH PARRETT, Iowa
 NEIL McLEOD, Arizona

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROCEEDINGS

We, the Committee on Proceedings for 1945, hereby submit the following report:

Include the contests of the Seventeenth National Convention and pictures comparable to those contained in the 1944 Proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD RICH, New York, *Chairman*
 LOWELL W. FEYE, Nebraska
 ROBERT E. WADDINGTON, New Jersey
 JACK PARKER, New Mexico
 JAMES P. BROWN, North Carolina
 JAMES HARTWELL FAIR, Louisiana

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON 1945-46 PROGRAM OF WORK

We, the Committee on 1945-46 Program of Work, being fully aware of the absolute necessity for keeping the F.F.A. a live and active organization contributing the utmost in the reconversion,

recommend the following activities, goals and ways and means for 1945-46:

I. SUPERVISED FARMING

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
1. Producing food for post-war demands	100% member participation	a. Assist in increasing production of food commodities as recommended by Secretary of Agriculture. b. Use improved farming methods. c. Arrange for adequate credits in order to achieve these goals. d. Produce more agricultural products for home consumption.
2. Increasing size of farming programs	100% member participation	a. Every chapter member increase the size and scope of his investment. b. Urge every individual to develop a farming program to the limit of his opportunities and ambitions.
3. Improving livestock and crop production	100% member participation	a. Use improved breeding practices. b. Urge members to use improved sires. c. Urge higher quality foundation animals. d. Urge members to use improved strains of seeds. e. Urge members to market crops more efficiently to prevent losses. f. Urge treatment of seeds to prevent diseases.
4. Preventing livestock losses	100% chapter participation	a. Urge careful handling of all livestock by members. b. Urge humane and practical stock devices made as farm mechanics projects. c. When necessary urge vaccination of livestock to prevent diseases.

II. COOPERATION

1. Cooperating with other groups on readjustment	100% chapter participation	a. Assist where possible with all governmental agencies in readjustment effort. b. Cooperate with other organizations in the community.
2. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	a. Encourage members to cooperate in chapter activities.

Activity

Goals

Ways and Means

- b. Urge members to buy and sell cooperatively.
- c. Urge chapters to promote cooperative enterprises.

III. COMMUNITY SERVICE

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| 1. Assisting returning servicemen | 100% member and chapter participation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hold part-time classes and evening schools. b. Secure information concerning Government aid for returning veterans. c. Encourage veterans to attend F.F.A. meetings. d. Encourage eligible veterans to resume active membership. e. Every chapter post an honor scroll of members that have been, or are, in the armed forces. |
| 2. Assisting with farm labor shortage | 100% chapter participation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chapters assist in the training of inexperienced laborers to do farm work. b. Cooperate with U. S. Employment Service in registration and placement of farm help. c. Encourage members to make the best possible use of machinery and labor. |
| 3. Stress repairing and reconditioning of farm machinery | 100% member and chapter participation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chapters assist in repair of machinery in the community. b. Encourage members to offer their services to farmers. c. Encourage members to protect farm machinery from wear, weather, etc. d. Assist agriculture instructors in farm machinery repair courses for farmers. |
| 4. Guarding and protecting life and property | 100% of State associations with safety programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cooperate with agencies promoting safety. b. Encourage books on first aid and safety in chapter libraries. c. Encourage chapter discussions and demonstrations on fire prevention. d. Encourage members to enroll in first aid courses. e. Secure and distribute material on farm fire prevention. f. Encourage safety campaigns at home, on high- |

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		ways, in the shop, and in fields against fire and other destructive forces.
5. Conserving resources	100% of chapters and members participating	g. Urge every chapter to have available first aid measures. h. Publicize safety programs. a. Urge cooperation with various conservation agencies. b. Emphasize the need for conservation on both chapters and individuals. c. Discourage unnecessary use of rubber, metals, and other vital materials.
6. Repairing farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	a. Encourage all members and chapters to discover needed repairs and undertake same. b. Encourage chapters to provide cooperatively available materials needed for home maintenance.
7. Salvaging needed materials	100% member and chapter participation	a. Arrange chapter campaigns for systematic collection of needed materials. b. Impress members and chapters to encourage conservation. c. Urge every State to set up definite goals.
IV. LEADERSHIP		
1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants	a. Urge careful and early explanation of progressive features of degree work to Green Hands and members and plan long-time farming programs. b. Encourage members to keep scrap book records of their achievements. c. Urge each State to provide uniform State Farmer application blank. d. Emphasize early submission of American Farmer Degree applications.
2. Providing chapter libraries	100% of the chapters with libraries which include 5 or more F.F.A. books	a. Prepare and distribute suggested list of books for F.F.A. chapters. b. Send out suggestions on establishing and maintaining libraries. c. Suggest discussion of chapter libraries at lead-

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
3. Participating in public speaking	100% of chapters and States holding public speaking contests	<p>ership training schools and conferences.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage every chapter to hold a contest with a high percentage of members participating. Stress the value of participation to the individuals regardless of prizes or honors. Encourage district to participate in State contest. Encourage all States to participate in regional contest.
4. Following parliamentary procedure	100% of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Urge individual members to study parliamentary procedure. Encourage chapter discussion of parliamentary procedure. Encourage local parliamentary procedure demonstrations and contests. Urge chapters to include at least one book on parliamentary procedure in chapter library.
5. Building programs of work	100% of States and chapters with written continuing programs of work giving special emphasis to reconversion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage more carefully built programs and closer attention to them. Urge special emphasis on program building in leadership schools. Print and distribute the national program of work immediately following the National Convention. Encourage more chapters to compete in National Chapter Contest. Adapt programs of work to reconversion.
6. Providing State publications	100% of States with an official publication	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage the maintenance of State F.F.A. publications. Encourage exchange of State publications with other associations. Offer constructive suggestions on improving present publications. Include in publications copies of winning State and national F.F.A. speeches of the year. Serve as media of information of national organization activities.

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
7. Providing leadership training	100% State participation	f. Include helpful agricultural hints. a. Encourage State and district leadership training schools and conferences. b. Encourage States to provide leadership training in connection with State meetings. c. Encourage all chapters to provide at least one leadership school or conference during the year. d. Urge special leadership training school for State officers. e. Provide special leadership training school for national officers.
8. Maintaining public relations	Keep the public informed on what the F.F.A. is and does	a. Encourage more extensive and regular use of local, county, and State newspapers by chapters and State associations. b. Secure more articles in national magazines. c. Urge taking of more and better pictures of F.F.A. work for use as illustrations. d. Encourage States and chapters to provide radio broadcasts where possible. e. Encourage wider use of windshield stickers. f. Continue to maintain contact with such organizations as the New Farmers of America, and other organizations patterned after the F.F.A. g. Each chapter sponsor at least one decorated window display per year in a downtown section. h. Keep in touch with former F.F.A. members. i. Encourage the use of official F.F.A. uniforms by members.

V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS

1. Buying Victory bonds and stamps	100% of chapters participating in Victory Bond Drive	a. Send out U. S. Treasury literature on how and where to make purchases. b. Suggest member savings and chapter accumulations be used for purchases. c. Urge State associations and chapters to put on
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Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
2. Practicing thrift	100% of chapters and members participating	<p>drives to encourage members and others to buy Victory bonds and stamps.</p> <p>d. Recommend Victory bonds and stamps as awards in the F.F.A. contests.</p> <p>a. Stimulate interest in regular systematic savings for all.</p> <p>b. Encourage chapter members to earn money cooperatively to help finance chapter activities.</p> <p>c. Urge every State association and chapter to have a budget and safeguard its funds.</p> <p>d. Encourage members to invest earnings in productive enterprises, Victory stamps and bonds.</p> <p>e. Urge every chapter to operate a thrift bank.</p>
VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS		
1. Using Official Manuals	100% of members having access to official Manuals	<p>a. Urge State associations to secure Manuals in quantities for distribution and sale to chapters.</p> <p>b. Emphasize the need for having up-to-date Manuals with which to work.</p> <p>c. Urge that new Manuals be included in every chapter library.</p> <p>d. Urge discussion of revised 1945 constitution at chapter meetings and conventions.</p> <p>e. Urge study of Manual as phase of leadership training schools and conferences.</p> <p>f. Urge individual members to study and be familiar with official Manual.</p>
2. Using Official Secretary and Treasurer books	100% of chapters using both books	<p>a. Call further attention to the value of these books.</p> <p>b. Urge filing copies of completed books as permanent chapter records.</p> <p>c. Urge discussion of both books at chapter meetings and at leadership training schools and conferences.</p> <p>d. Urge well kept books.</p>
3. Providing official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies	100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work	<p>a. Send out lists with information on how and where to obtain.</p> <p>b. Stress loyalty to the national organization and</p>

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		urge the use of official materials.
		c. Urge discussion of standard materials at leadership training schools.
		d. Point out advantages in patronizing official companies.
4. Using Official ceremonies	100% of the chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to the Official Manual	a. Urge that all officers learn their parts and that ceremonies be rehearsed. b. Suggest special training on ceremonies for new officers. c. Recommend discussing the meaning and significance of ceremonies at chapter meetings and leadership schools. d. Urge practice on unison parts, especially Flag salute.
5. Planning State Victory Conventions	100% of State associations holding Victory Conventions	a. Plan immediately. b. All chapters be well represented. c. Urge all State Farmer candidates to attend.
6. Meetings	Every member attend at least 80% of chapter meetings	a. Have at least one regular meeting date per month scheduled in school calendar. b. Special meetings for emergencies. c. Prepare well-planned program beforehand. d. Have one good entertainment feature for 100% participation at each regular meeting. e. Urge 100% chapter attendance at federation or district meetings.

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

1. Improved scholarship	100% of members show outstanding ability as evidenced by scholastic activities, and have a satisfactory record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal.	a. Devote one chapter meeting annually to scholarship. b. Encourage members to strive for scholastic honors. c. Post an F.F.A. honor roll each month. d. Have advanced boys assist new students. e. Offer chapter awards to outstanding scholars.
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VIII. RECREATION

1. Encourage supervised recreation	100% membership participation	a. Organize athletic teams and encourage chapter competition.
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Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Sponsor Parent and Son banquets. c. Cooperate with home economics department and all related school organizations. d. Organize supervised camping trips and encourage establishment of State camps. e. Cooperate with the National Committee on Physical Fitness of the Federal Security Agency. f. Sponsor recreation programs in local community.
2. Continuing National F.F.A. Day	100% of State associations participating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Set aside first day of Convention as National F.F.A. Day. b. Send out suggested materials for F.F.A. Day programs.
3. Maintaining National Camp	Keep camp buildings and grounds in good condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Follow National Executive Secretary's convention report on the camp. b. Urge eligible members to attend National Camp.

IX. GENERAL

1. Maintaining membership	204,000 active members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Urge establishment of chapters in all departments of vocational agriculture. b. 100% membership in F.F.A. of boys enrolled in all-day classes. c. Retain 75% of graduated members for three years after graduation. d. Urge full payment of national dues on the part of all associations on or before June 30. e. Encourage establishment of collegiate chapter in every recognized teacher training department.
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Respectfully submitted,

VIRGIL GETTO, Nevada, *Chairman*

NEIL MCLEOD, Arizona

LLOYD BURGER, Arkansas

LARRY TRAVIS, Colorado

JACK WEBB, Delaware

DAVID ELK, New York

MARION F. BAUMGARDNER, Texas

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS

We, the Committee on Public Relations, go on record as recommending the organization of Future Farmers of America to continue to employ a public relations man to work out of the national office in Washington, D. C., with an appropriation of \$10,000 by the National F.F.A. Treasury to cover his salary and operating expenses.

We also recommend that the decision of employing this public relations man be left up to our National Adviser, with the approval of the National Board of Trustees and Advisory Council.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GLYNDON STUFF, Illinois, *Chairman*
JAMES A. MOSS, Kentucky
EARL W. LENZ, Minnesota
HAROLD HARVEY, Missouri
WILLIAM MORGAN, JR., Mississippi

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

We, the Committee on the National Public Speaking Contest, have thoroughly considered the present rules and regulations governing this event and wish to recommend the following addition:

Article V, Section 5—To add the words "Applause shall be withheld until all contestants have spoken."

We also wish to recommend that the National Executive Secretary investigate the possibilities of having recordings made of the speeches of the National Public Speaking Contest for the purpose of making recordings available to local chapters to aid in training public speakers, and if it is decided to make recordings of the National Public Speaking Contest, that a record be kept as a library of the four contestants' speeches.

Respectfully submitted,

GUS DOUGLASS, West Virginia, *Chairman*
CLARE HUBER, Arizona
GERHARDT HINTZ, North Dakota
LEON SMITH, Oklahoma
MORRIS ROBERSON, New Mexico
GORDON EICHHORN, Ohio
KEITH PATTERSON, Tennessee

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions for 1945, on behalf of the Future Farmers of America, wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the following persons and organizations and

especially to the 18th National Convention thereof:

1. To the 1944-45 National Officers and the 18th National Convention Committees for their excellent efforts in making this year and this convention one of the most successful.
2. To the members of the Kansas City Advisory Committee for their splendid work in making this year another historic milestone in the progress of the F.F.A.
3. To Mr. Walter Atzenweiler and the Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce for the courtesies provided the F.F.A.
4. To Mr. W. A. Cochel, and the WEEKLY KANSAS CITY STAR for their liberal support in providing appropriate prizes to Star Farmers.
5. To Mr. J. A. Linke for his special award to the chapter from which the Star Farmer of America was chosen.
6. To the AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION Magazine, AMERICAN FARM YOUTH, AGRICULTURAL LEADER'S DIGEST, BETTER FARMING METHODS, and other farm papers devoted to F.F.A. activities.
7. To all railroads and their representatives who are encouraging F.F.A. efforts and offering valuable educational awards.
8. To Mr. John Gage, Mayor of Kansas City, for his most hearty and warming welcome.
9. To the management and employees of the President Hotel for their splendid services and hospitality to most of those present at the National Convention.
10. To Mrs. Dorothy S. Easterly, Secretary to the Executive Secretary, Mr. A. W. Tenney, and to Miss Pauline M. Dick, Secretary to the Treasurer, Mr. D. J. Howard, go our sincere appreciation for their interest and able work.
11. To Mr. Harry Kaufman and Station WDAF for making time available to the Future Farmers of America during the convention.
12. To Mr. Walter B. Anderson of the L. G. Balfour Company.
13. To Mr. Walter M. Tolan of the Universal Uniform Company.
14. To Mr. J. A. McDonald, representative of Station WLS.
15. To the businessmen and officials, and the management of the Municipal Auditorium of Kansas City for their efforts in making this a most enjoyable trip to Kansas City and for various services rendered.
16. To Swift & Company, Santa Fe Railroads, and the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company for the splendid meals served us.

17. To the judges of the Public Speaking Contest and the National Chapter Contest.
18. To the States visited by our National Officers for their assistance in making these trips possible.
19. To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cuff of the Kansas City Livestock Exchange for their help and assistance.
20. To the International Harvester Company, Deere & Company, and the Dairy Barn Equipment Company and their representatives.
21. To Past Mayor Cromwell of Kansas City for his interest in Future Farmer activities.
22. To Mr. Jim Robinson of the Farm Credit Administration and to Mr. A. W. Turner of the U. S. Department of Agriculture for their interest in and cooperation with the F.F.A.
23. To all donors of prizes not previously mentioned and to all other individuals serving the F.F.A. and assisting with the Eighteenth National Convention.
24. To those Future Farmers of America who are in the armed forces and those who have made the supreme sacrifice, our hearts' most sincere thanks for keeping up the standards of the F.F.A.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM PATRICK VINSON, South Carolina,
Chairman

RALPH HAMILTON, Ohio

EMIL GRIESER, Oklahoma

WALTER D. CARLIN, JR., Pennsylvania

WILLIAM BULLER, South Dakota

DAVID WALKER, Iowa

JOHN STEWART, Montana



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Special Convention Report

REPORT ON NATIONAL F.F.A. CAMP

by A. W. Tenney, National Executive Secretary

The delegates at the Eleventh National Convention, held in 1939 authorized the purchase of land for a National F.F.A. camp. Since that date approximately 30 acres of land have been purchased. Facilities available at the camp at the present time include a seven-room dwelling house, a barracks building 20 feet wide and 100 feet long, and another building 24 feet wide and 100 feet long, which was built to serve as a kitchen, dining room, and recreation room. In 1941, 483 members from 49 chapters used the camp during that summer.

The national organization has approximately \$30,000 invested in 30 acres of land, buildings and equipment. The camp has been kept closed during the war. No attempts have been made to add to the facilities at the camp since 1941. Delegates at the convention have authorized maintenance of the camp so that it can be opened as soon as conditions permit.

The national program of work for 1944 and 1945 carried as Item 3, under Recreation, the following:

Activity	Goals	Ways and Means
Maintaining National Camp.	Keep camp buildings and grounds in good condition during the war.	a. Follow National Executive Secretary's convention report on the camp.

The report of the Executive Secretary concerning the camp, which was approved at the 17th National Convention contained the following recommendations pertaining to the maintenance and improvement of the camp.

1. Continue to employ one man to serve primarily as a caretaker and maintenance man.
2. Keep lespedeza on the play areas next summer.
3. Top a few tall trees near buildings.
4. Maintain buildings and equipment.
5. Keep the camp closed during the summer of 1945 unless national conditions improve enough to justify opening it.

Mr. George Scott has been continued as caretaker of the National F.F.A. Camp and George Washington's Old Grist Mill. Mr. Scott has been sleeping in the residence at the camp and thus takes care of it night and day.

Members of the F.F.A. are doubtless familiar with the fact that the national organization of F.F.A. leased George Washington's Old Grist Mill, which is located on the property adjoining the

F.F.A. camp. The mill property consists of six acres. The Virginia Conservation Commission spent \$60,000 in rebuilding the Old Mill up to 1932. The Old Mill was kept open during the summer of 1941 and a fee of 10 cents was charged visitors to go through the mill. The mill has also been closed during the war.

Two years ago lespedeza was planted on the camp grounds. It is making a big growth, and should materially improve the soil.

Tree surgeons were employed to top a few trees next to the dwelling house and to repair the large sycamore tree which is located by the Old Mill.

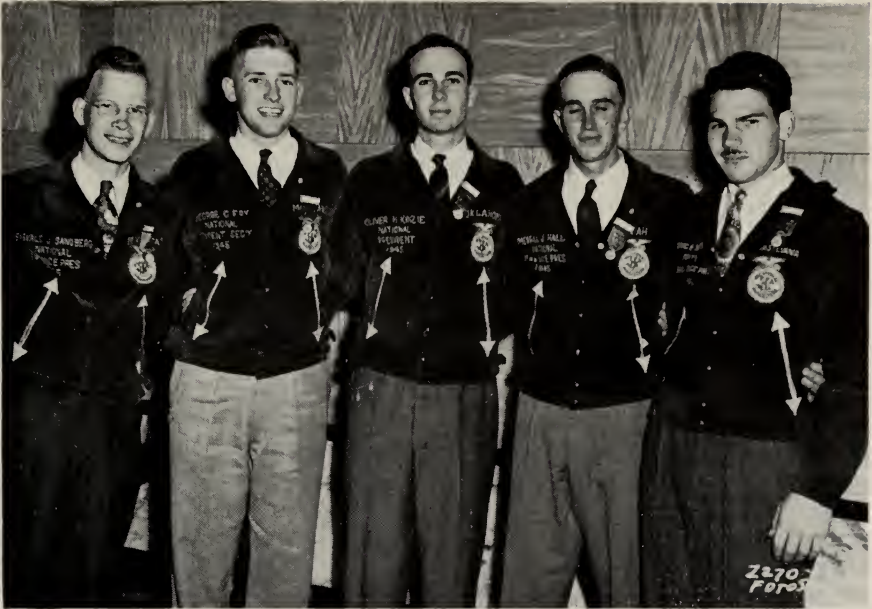
The buildings and equipment have been maintained in excellent condition.

It has been possible to reduce the camp budget during the past year to \$2,360. Actual expenditures made total \$1,774.00. This represents a saving of \$586.

Based upon present conditions I recommend the following plan for maintaining and developing the National F.F.A. Camp and George Washington's Old Grist Mill for the year 1945-46.

1. Open the camp next spring in time to provide accommodations for F.F.A. chapters that wish to use the camp.
2. Open George Washington's Old Grist Mill by April 15th.
3. Continue to employ a man to serve as caretaker and guide for the mill.
4. Employ a man to serve as caretaker and manager of the camp.
5. Make necessary minor improvements needed before the camp and mill are opened.
6. Mow lespedeza often enough to keep weeds down and allow blue grass to grow on the area where lespedeza is now planted.
7. Open a new entrance to the camp. The present entrance is from highway No. 1 and due to the amount of traffic on that highway it is difficult to enter the camp that way. Plans call for an entrance on the Mount Vernon highway. This would be more satisfactory and should be available when the camp is opened next spring.
8. No major additions or improvements should be made to the camp until we have had an opportunity to use it for a few years. This will provide us with further information concerning the needs for such a camp.

By carrying out these and other plans which have been made it is hoped that the National F.F.A. Camp can prove of utmost value during the year ahead.



1944-45 NATIONAL F. F. A. OFFICERS

Left to Right—SIGVALD J. SANDBERG, First Vice-President, Ortonville, Minnesota; GEORGE C. FRY, Student Secretary, Laytonsville, Maryland; OLIVER H. KINZIE, President, Cushing, Oklahoma; MERRILL J. HALLAM, Third Vice-President, Spanish Fork, Utah, and DAVID B. JAMESON, Second Vice-President, New Castle, Pennsylvania; Fourth Vice-President, TOM VAUGHAN, Yorkville, Tennessee, was unable to attend the 1945 Convention.

National Student Officer Reports

Report of the President

Delegates to the 18th National F.F.A. Convention:

As this, the 18th National Convention of Future Farmers of America gets under way, I realize that my duties as National President are rapidly drawing to a close. Like the other National Officers elected, I promised the Delegates of the 17th National Convention that I would do my best to assume all of the responsibilities of the office. It was my hope when elected that we might have the best year ever in the work of our great organization. It was also my desire as National President that I might be able in a small way to pay back to the organization the many debts I owe it. But I find that instead of paying back the debts I owe, they have increased many times. The following is a brief account of my work during the past year.

The only official trip I have made out of the State of Oklahoma as your National President was the first meeting of the National Officers in the Nation's Capitol. I attended meetings of the National Board of Trustees, as well as the Leadership Training Conference under the able direction of our National Executive Secretary, Mr. A. W. Tenney. During this week in Washington, we enjoyed many experiences which will always be remembered in my life as long as it may last. It was the privilege of the National Officers, while at this meeting, to have dinner in the Nation's Capitol with high government officials, including the Honorable Harry S. Truman; Secretary of Agriculture, Claude Wickard, and several Senators from the various states. This occasion was made possible through the influence of Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma. During my stay in Washington, I absorbed a semester's course in leadership and general knowledge about the F.F.A.

In March, 1945, I had the honor at the Exhibitors' Banquet during the Oklahoma Junior Livestock Show at Oklahoma City to present Lord Halifax, Ambassador from England, the State Farmer Key. Also, at this same meeting, Lady Halifax was presented a gift in behalf of the Future Farmers of America.

In April, I attended the streamlined Oklahoma State F.F.A. Convention. Although time was very short, and only the most important business was handled, it provided delegates with plenty of material to take back to their local chapters.

I have made numerous talks at F.F.A. Parent and Son Banquets, at a number of civic and social clubs, written newspaper and magazine articles, and tried in every way possible to show the public what a truly great organization the Future Farmers of

America really is. Following are my activities in a condensed form:

Days spent in interest of F.F.A.....	33
Letters received.....	276
Letters sent.....	211
Telegrams received.....	7
Telegrams sent.....	10
Radio Programs.....	8
Speeches made.....	18
Number of people addressed, approximately	10,000 (in meetings)
Miles traveled.....	5,000 (approx.)
Total expenses.....	\$235.00

My activities as a National Officer have been greatly curtailed because of the war emergency. Travel was almost impossible. Also, the poor health of my father made extremely busy farming conditions for me at home in taking care of the dairy farm. I regret that I was unable to attend the State Conventions that were held, but I am sure you also realize that food production and other activities in the war emergency had to come first.

This is my report to you Future Farmers. And now, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for making it possible for me to serve as your National President. Yes, it is with great regret that I leave but I also take with me many splendid experiences, which have been made possible by you Future Farmers this past year. I can only say as I leave, "Thanks a million for everything," and I know since Peace reigns over the earth once more that Future Farmers throughout America will take even greater steps forward as a result of their continued enthusiasm and most constructive work.

Respectfully submitted,
OLIVER H. KINZIE,
National President

Report of the First Vice President

Delegates to the 18th National Convention:

Very clearly I remember the first report I gave as a Greenhand in our chapter. At the termination of these few minutes, I will have given my last report as an active member of the Future Farmers of America. Within the bonds of these two reports, I hold treasures of experiences and associations for which I am deeply indebted. In a vain attempt to repay the greatest organization of farm boys, my only regret is that my service has been so short of the goals I had hoped to accomplish. Truly, the more I gave, the more my indebtedness became.

Upon my return from the 17th National Convention, I attended the district leadership meetings in Minnesota. The two main purposes of these meetings were to set up district programs of work and instruct all new officers of their duties and responsibilities as leaders chosen by their fellow members.

In February, I traveled to Washington, D. C., to attend the F.F.A. Leadership Conference and Board of Trustees meeting under the capable leadership of Mr. A. W. Tenney. This week was both educational and informative. The acquaintances made while there shall always be a pleasure to remember. My stay was so enjoyable that the week seemed but a day.

On May 10 and 11, I attended the Minnesota Convention as presiding president. On the evening of May 10, I had the honor of introducing the Governor of Minnesota, Edward J. Thye, at the banquet. The attendance was limited to 50 persons to comply with O.D.T. regulations on traveling.

I also attended the North Dakota Convention at Fargo. My stay was short, but very enjoyable. I was privileged to address the delegate body three times. Again, attendance was limited, but accomplishments were abundant.

These were the only conventions conditions allowed me to attend. Invitations were received from several other states. I would have enjoyed visiting all the conventions in the region I served. I am certain that the true F.F.A. enthusiasm prevailed at all state conventions in the hopes of the regular size conventions in a peacetime America.

The following is a summarization of my report:

Days spent in interest of F.F.A.....	32
Letters written.....	148
Letters received.....	163
Speeches made.....	21
Total addressed (approximately).....	6,000
Telegrams sent.....	1
Long Distance phone calls received.....	1
State Conventions attended.....	2
National Board of Trustees Meetings attended..	1
Radio Broadcasts.....	3
Total miles traveled.....	3,000
Total expenses.....	\$300.00

I have enjoyed the opportunity you presented me when you elected me National First Vice President. Words fail to express what I feel deep in my heart when I attempt to say thank you.

In my contacts with you, fellow members, I have always found warm friendliness and eager willingness.

You have always shown a spirit of cooperation which postwar agriculture must continue to have. The business of the F.F.A. from chapters on up was handled very efficiently by officers and mem-

bers. At no time did I ever see lack of those moral standards which are such a definite part of F.F.A. My only report can be, "Well done, Fellow members."

Again, let me say, it has been swell serving you. I shall always cherish my past year with its relationships and experiences. Indeed, it has been a very wonderful year working and playing with you.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGVALD J. SANDBERG,
National First Vice President

Report of the Second Vice President

Delegates to the 18th National F.F.A. Convention:

On October 11, 1944, I was elected to the office of National Second Vice President of the Future Farmers of America. At this time I faithfully promised to perform the duties and assume the responsibilities connected with the office to the best of my ability.

It was my intention to devote a considerable amount of time in the interest of the F.F.A. but labor conditions prevented my getting away from the farm in most instances. Even though I have served my term as a national officer under very difficult conditions and my travel was very limited, I can truthfully say it has been full of memories and associations I shall never forget. I am only sorry I could not have done more for the F.F.A. as it has done so very much for me.

Immediately upon my return from the National Convention I began to receive invitations to appear before various local adult groups and nearby chapters. I attended and had the honor of being the main speaker at four Father and Son banquets in my home State.

January 9, 10, and 11 found me in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, attending my home State convention. This was a streamlined but a very impressive convention that gave the boys some good material to take back to local chapters.

On February 4, I boarded the train and headed for Washington, D. C., to get away from the snow and ice laden Pennsylvania and attend the National Officers Training Conference under the able direction of Mr. Tenney. This proved to be the most enjoyable and educational week I ever spent in my life. During the week we were luncheon guests of Senator Elmer Thomas at the Capitol. In attendance were several Senators, Claude R. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture and the Honorable Harry S. Truman. We met with the National Grange officers and made many other acquaintances with noted men. In addition to this Mr. Tenney planned a sight seeing trip which included a visit to the National F.F.A. Camp. The weather was like springtime and the time went much too fast.

It was with a great deal of regret that I had to refuse invitations to attend State Executive Committee Meetings of the various States in the North Atlantic Region but my farming activities prevented my accepting.

After the splendid time and educational benefits I had received during my first visit to Washington I had been hoping I could somehow attend the National Board of Trustees meetings there in July, but labor conditions made it an impossibility.

My present trip to this, the 18th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, brings an end to my active membership in the F.F.A. It is with regret that I present this report as it means now I must step out of the best thing I was ever in, but I assure you I shall not be apart from it as I shall always be a loyal supporter of this great organization.

The following is a summarized statement of my activities for the year:

Days spent in the interest of F.F.A.....	20
State Conventions attended.....	1
National Board of Trustees meeting attended..	1
Speeches made.....	8
People addressed.....	700
Letters written.....	75
Letters received.....	120
Telegrams sent.....	2
Long Distance phone calls received.....	1
Radio programs.....	4
Miles traveled.....	3,000
Total expenses.....	\$150.00

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID B. JAMESON,
National Second Vice President

Report of the Third Vice President

Fellow members of the most progressive farm boy organization in the world:

The termination of this convention will complete one of the most enjoyable years of my life. For during that year I have had the privilege and opportunity of working with some of the finest fellows and in one of the greatest organizations in existence.

At the Seventeenth National Convention, I was thrilled beyond expression of the confidence you displayed in me in electing me to the position of National Third Vice-President. I only hope that that faith has been justified. I feel a tinge of regret that the limits of war and conditions at home made it extremely difficult for me to do all the things which I would have liked to do during this past year.

However, I appreciate the fact that I have had the privilege and opportunity to serve in the capacity of a national officer, for this position has brought to me many memorable experiences that would otherwise have been impossible.

February 1, I left for Washington, D. C., to attend the first meeting of the National Board of Trustees. Seven days were never more profitably spent. Not only did I receive an excellent course in F.F.A. fundamentals, but I had the pleasure of meeting the Honorable Harry S. Truman, Secretary Wickard, A. S. Goss of the National Grange, Wheeler McMillan of the "Farm Journal," my own Senator Murdock, and several others. I also appeared on two nationwide radio broadcasts.

On April 6 and 7, I attended the Utah State Convention—a brief but snappy, well attended convention. Two other conventions were held the same day and I am sorry I was unable to attend them. On May 11th, I addressed the exhibitors and officers of the Utah State Junior Livestock Show.

Below is a brief summary of my activities as a national officer:

Days spent in the interest of F.F.A.....	31
Letters received.....	143
Letters sent.....	107
Telegrams received.....	2
Telegrams sent.....	8
Long Distance telephone calls received.....	3
State Conventions attended.....	1
Miles traveled.....	8,830
Expenses.....	\$347.25

Many honors and privileges have been bestowed upon me as a national officer. I can only offer sincere thanks and appreciation to my Future Farmer friends all over the nation. I am grateful to Dr. Spanton, Mr. Tenney and Mr. Howard, the regional agents, and the national officers for all they have done for me. I owe a debt of gratitude to these fellows and to the entire membership of the F.F.A. which can probably never be fully repaid.

Although my active participation as a Future Farmer will end soon, yet in my heart I shall always be a Future Farmer, for during the past six years I have received training and experience that could not have helped but change the course of my life. I shall always strive to promote the F.F.A. wherever possible.

The truly successful farmer of tomorrow is the Future Farmer of today. Fellow members, this is your challenge. The part you will be called upon to play in molding the future of America and the world at large will be extremely important. Knowing the sterling qualities of farm boys, I know you cannot fail. May that indomitable spirit of progress which has been an integral part in the spectacular growth of this organization continue to guide you onward toward even greater heights. And may the Spirit of the

great Creator be with you always, for with His help you cannot fail.

Respectfully submitted,

MERRILL J. HALLAM,
National Third Vice President

Report of the Fourth Vice President

Even though I am unable to be with you in body because of conditions beyond my control, I am certainly with you in spirit. If I were able to be with you, this would truly be the greatest moment of my life, but since this is impossible, my prayers will be upon you.

I want to express my appreciation to the members of this great organization for the honor it has bestowed upon me. For the sincere friendships I have formed, for the trips I have made, and for the great number of wonderful things that have come to me because I am a national officer of the Future Farmers of America, I wish to thank you.

At the last National Convention I was elected Fourth Vice President of the Future Farmers of America. After making a number of speeches at local and district meetings and at civic clubs, I went to Washington, D. C., for the National Officers Leadership Training Conference and Board of Trustees meeting, held the week of February the 5th through the 10th. This was the happiest and most educational week of my life. It was here that I grew to know and like the other national officers. Under the direction of Mr. A. W. Tenney I learned the true meaning of the F.F.A. Let me also say that the national officers had the privilege of meeting the Honorable Harry S. Truman.

From May 31st through June 2nd I was in Kerrville, Texas, attending the streamlined and very efficient Texas State Committee Meeting. The hospitality shown me by the Texas members is something I will never forget.

I was back in Washington from the 16th through the 20th of July for the National Board of Trustees meeting and the National Advisory Council meeting. Because only George Fry and I could be there, I presided over the National Board of Trustees meeting.

From July 30th to August 4th I was in Florida attending the Florida State Convention at Camp O'Leno. This was another great State convention where much good was accomplished.

The last of my activities as a national officer was on September 4th when I went to Nashville, Tennessee, to attend the Southern Regional Public Speaking Contest.

My summary for this year's work is:

Total expenses.....	\$500.19
Total miles traveled.....	9,834
Number of letters received.....	107

Number of letters sent.....	58
Speeches made.....	34
Approximate number of people addressed.....	2,500
Telegrams received.....	2
Telegrams sent.....	4
Long Distance phone calls received.....	2
Radio broadcasts.....	3

Some of the invitations I received I had to turn down because of my farm work. I only wish that I could have done one-half as much for the F.F.A. as it has done for me.

Respectfully submitted,

TOM VAUGHAN,
National Fourth Vice President

Report of the Student Secretary

Fellow Future Farmers:

The time has come for me to give you a report which I am very happy to give, yet I know that I am pulling the curtains on the most enjoyable and educational year of my life.

When I tell you that I live only thirty miles from downtown Washington, our Nation's Capital, and the home of our national office, many of you may say, "Well he kinda' missed out on travel." Considering wartime travel I think this is where I was more fortunate than the other fellows.

I made my first appearance as a national officer on December 9, when I appeared on the National Farm and Home Hour with Mr. Elmer Johnson. On the 4th of February I again drove into Washington, this time to attend the most inspiring and educational Leadership Training Conference and the National Board of Trustees meeting. During this meeting I had the opportunity of meeting many high officials of our Government and also numerous leaders of farm organizations and farm magazine editors who are interested in our work. Here I learned to know more of our organization and to get a deep feeling of comradeship for the other F.F.A. officers who have served you so well during the past year. It was also my great honor and privilege to have these fellow officers, Dr. Spanton and Mr. Tenney out to dinner and to look over my farming program and some good old Maryland countryside.

The next traveling I did was to the very inspiring New York Delegate Meeting at Morrisville, New York. Here I spent two very enjoyable days with a grand group of fellows. When I arrived home from New York my farming program was badly in need of my attention and I was forced to decline a most cordial invitation to the Vermont meeting the following week.

In July I was again in Washington attending the second National Board of Trustees meeting and Advisory Council Meeting. The main order of the week was the reviewing of the American Farmer candidates and the making of tentative plans for this 18th National Convention, although the week was highlighted by the meeting of numerous men of distinction. One of the highlights of this trip was a visit out to the United States Agriculture Research Center at Beltsville, Maryland.

It was again my honor to have Tom Vaughan out to my farm as a guest during his stay in Washington.

On August 26, 27, and 28, I found myself in those beautiful hills of the West Virginia Association.

I was scheduled to attend the North Atlantic Public Speaking Contest in New Brunswick, New Jersey, on September 7, but again it was impossible for me to leave my farming program.

On September 27 I appeared before my own State Convention at Frederick, Maryland, where we had a very fine meeting with 280 boys present.

It was with deep regret that I could not attend the Virginia meeting but again you will understand that my farming program had to come first.

Following is a summarized report of my activities as Student Secretary:

Letters received	140
Letters written	122
Telegrams received	2
Telegrams sent	2
Long Distance phone calls received	8
Long Distance phone calls made	8
Radio programs	3
Speeches given	13
People addressed	1,300
Days spent in the interest of F.F.A.	33
Miles traveled	4,800
Total expenses	\$250.00
State Conventions attended	3
Board of Trustees meetings attended	3

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. FRY,
National Student Secretary

Report of National Executive Secretary

We are met here today for our Eighteenth National F.F.A. Convention. For seventeen years this great farm boy organization has served America in a commendable manner. More than one million boys have enjoyed the privilege of membership in the Future Farmers of America. Their significant accomplishments stand as a milestone of progress in agriculture and rural living.

I am glad to report to you that local chapters, State associations, and the national organization have all been very busy during the past year. The accomplishments made have been achieved under very difficult conditions.

The national program of work adopted at the Seventeenth National Convention was adapted to a Nation at war. We are all proud of the fact that our organization has been able to do so much for the war effort without abandoning our regular peace-time program. It was necessary, however, to increase our efforts and re-direct many of our activities.

The following report of accomplishments is submitted on the 1944-45 National Program of Work:

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
I. SUPERVISED FARMING		
1. Producing Food for Victory	100% member participation	84.6%
2. Increasing size of farming program	100% member participation	51.0%
3. Improving live-stock and crop production	100% member participation	57.0%
4. Preventing live-stock losses	100% chapter participation	47.7%
II. COOPERATION		
1. Cooperating with other groups on wartime effort	100% chapter participation	80.4%
2. Providing experience in cooperative effort	100% member participation	58.7%
III. COMMUNITY SERVICE		
1. Salvaging needed war materials	100% member and chapter participation	69.0% members 77.4% chapters
2. Assisting with farm labor shortage	100% chapter participation	63.7%
3. Repairing and re-conditioning farm machinery	100% member and chapter participation	58.6% members 77.5% chapters

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
4. Guarding and protecting life and property	100% of State associations with safety programs	63.3%
5. Conserving resources	100% of chapters and members participating	62.6% chapters 45.7% members
6. Repairing farm buildings and equipment	100% member participation	49.3%
IV. LEADERSHIP		
1. Advancing members to higher degrees	100% of States naming full quota of qualified American Farmer applicants	75.5%
2. Providing chapter libraries	100% of the chapters with libraries which include 5 or more F.F.A. books	76.9%
3. Participating in public speaking	100% of chapters and States holding public speaking contests	34.7% chapters 93.9% States
4. Following parliamentary procedure	100% of the chapters conducting meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure	90.0%
5. Building programs of work	100% of States and chapters with written continuing programs of work giving special emphasis to war effort	97.9% States 75.9% chapters
6. Providing State publications	100% of States with an official publication	73.5%
7. Providing leadership training	100% State participation	79.6%
8. Maintaining public relations	Keep the public informed on what the F.F.A. is and does	53.1% chapter prepared publicity material 23 associations gave radio programs
V. EARNINGS AND SAVINGS		
1. Buying war bonds and stamps	100% of members, chapters, and associations participating \$7,000,000 investment by October 1, 1945.	63.6% members 36.7% chapters 44.9% associations \$7,531,874.71 investment
2. Practicing thrift	100% chapters and members participating	54.6% chapters 45.5% members
VI. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS		
1. Using Official Manuals	100% of members having access to official Manuals	80.8%
2. Using Official Secretary and Treasurer books	100% of chapters using both books	76.1% Treasurer's 70.8% Secretary's
3. Providing official meeting paraphernalia, equipment and supplies	100% of chapters and State associations having standard materials with which to work	77.7% chapters 93.9% associations
4. Using official ceremonies	100% of chapters using opening and closing, and degree ceremonies according to the official Manual	87.7%

Activity	Goal	Accomplishment
5. Holding meetings and conventions	100% of the chapters and State associations holding regular meetings and conventions	87.5% chapters 81.6% associations
6. Meetings	Every member attend at least 75% of chapter meetings	72.7%

VII. SCHOLARSHIP

1. Improved scholarship	100% of members show outstanding ability as evidenced by scholastic activities, and have a satisfactory record as certified to by the local school superintendent or principal	25.0%
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VIII. RECREATION

1. Encourage supervised recreation	100% membership ability	60.7%
2. Continuing National F.F.A. Day	100% of State associations participating	42.9%
3. Maintaining National Camp	Keep camp buildings and grounds in good condition during war	

IX. GENERAL

1. Maintaining membership	204,000 active members	95.5%
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F.F.A. members have placed major emphasis on activities that would help with the war effort and they have a just right to feel proud of their achievements. The following national summaries show the scope of these activities during the past year:

1. Total maturity value of war bonds purchased in the name of the State associations	\$ 52,636.31
2. Total maturity value of war bonds and stamps purchased by chapters and individual members	\$ 7,531,874.71
3. Total maturity value of war bonds and stamps sold by chapters and individual members	\$10,906,453.61
4. Pounds of scrap metal collected by chapters	32,114,359
5. Pounds of paper collected by chapters	20,983,202
6. Pounds of rags collected by chapters	1,165,420
7. Number of burlap bags collected by chapters	392,419
8. Number of members serving in the armed forces of the United States (active and associate)	173,441
9. Number of members who lost their lives while serving in the armed forces of our Country	4,269

10. Number of Victory Gardens grown by F.F.A. members	76,107
Total acreage	49,030
Number of Victory Gardens grown by F.F.A. chapters	2,593
Total acreage	2,711
11. Number of farm workers placed on farms through the aid of the F.F.A.....	19,185
12. Number of F.F.A. members who helped Victory Farm Volunteers to become acquainted with farm life.....	16,104
13. Number of Victory Farm Volunteers helped by F.F.A. members to become acquainted with farm life.....	18,832
14. Number of farm machines repaired by F.F.A. members	179,481
15. Number of pieces of farm equipment constructed	115,428
16. Number of food conservation centers constructed and equipped with the assistance of F.F.A. chapters.....	1,599
17. Number of No. 2 cans of food processed by F.F.A. chapters.....	5,407,044

The F.F.A. received a high honor recently from the U. S. Treasury Department. On July 5th Mr. Howard Tooley of that Department presented to George Fry, National Student Secretary, a citation signed by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., which read as follows: "For distinguished services rendered in behalf of the War Finance Program this citation is awarded to the Future Farmers of America." The War Production Board gave a similar citation a few years ago for services rendered in behalf of the National Scrap Harvest.

State Associations were very successful during the past year in the sponsorship of War Bond sales. They have also been active in the purchase of bonds. Mississippi has purchased \$7,000 worth in the name of the association; Virginia, \$5,700; South Carolina, \$4,400; Iowa, \$3,100; and Ohio, \$2,000. Impressive records have been made by F.F.A. chapters and members in many States in the purchase of war bonds and stamps. The following States have made significant contributions in this respect: Texas \$714,469.76; Illinois, \$601,387.60; California, \$498,750.00; and, Pennsylvania, \$256,883.90. Many State associations have been active in the sale of war bonds and stamps. Louisiana sold \$1,066,193.70; California, \$1,023,692.15; Nebraska, \$621,500; and, West Virginia, \$225,348.

Members of the organization served effectively during the past year in the collection of scrap materials. Ohio reported 5,278,524 pounds; North Carolina, 4,452,500; California, 860,175; and, New York, 475,000. In States where milkweed pods grow F.F.A. mem-

bers took a leading part in the collection of pods to obtain the floss for life preservers.

We have received many thrilling stories concerning members of the F.F.A. who are serving in the armed forces of our Country. The first Yank soldier to enter Berlin was Harvey Natchees. The Second Armed Hell-on-Wheels Division of the American Army deployed in the suburbs and Harvey was the first soldier to enter the city. Harvey was from the Utah Indian Reservation, Duchsene, Utah, and was an active member of the Toyack Chapter before entering the Army. I am pleased to report that Roger Young, one of the great heroes of this war, who gave his life for his comrades and who has been immortalized in the song, was a member of the Green Springs Chapter in Ohio. Jacob Lindsey from the Rocky Creek Chapter in Mississippi received the Congressional Medal of Honor from President Truman. George Stelter, former National Officer from Kansas, was with the first group that landed in Japan. I was pleased to receive a letter from him a few weeks ago postmarked Tokyo. Last week while I was preparing this report Lester Poucher, former National F.F.A. President, called and told me that he was back in the United States after several years of service on the aircraft carrier Essex.

We are all proud of the wonderful record made by members of the F.F.A. on the farm front and on the battlefields of the world. You have done your share to win the victory. Let us continue to work together in order that we may have a permanent and lasting peace. Next year at our Victory Convention a complete summary of the wartime achievements of the F.F.A. will be presented.

OFFICER TRAVEL

You have heard the interesting reports that have been presented by the national officers. We are grateful for the excellent service they have rendered during the past year. I wish to remind you, however, that they have served under great difficulties, due to travel conditions and their unusually large farming programs. This has kept them from making a number of visits to State associations that they would have made under normal conditions.

It is hoped that conditions will permit officers during the coming year to visit more State associations and participate in most of the State F.F.A. Conventions.

STATE CONVENTIONS

State conventions have been streamlined throughout the war. Most State associations reported that a small convention had been held. We are looking forward to the year ahead because of the fact that it will be possible to enlarge attendance and increase activities at these State conventions. It is hoped that all State associations will hold a convention in 1946.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Much interest is being shown in Leadership Training on the State, District, and local levels. It is hoped that Leadership Training will be provided the officers of each State association and all local chapter officers next year.

CAMPS

It was my privilege to visit a number of State F.F.A. Camps the past summer. I was impressed with the excellent manner in which these camps were conducted and the appropriate facilities that have been provided in these camps. One State association reported that approximately 40 percent of their members had spent at least one week in their State camp while it was open the past summer. The National F.F.A. Camp has been closed for the duration. I am pleased to report, however, that it will be open again next summer. Most State camps will probably be in operation again in 1946.

NATIONAL CONTESTS

We were pleased to receive fifty-three reports in the National Chapter Contest in 1944-45. This is the largest number of reports we have received in several years.

The National Public Speaking Contest is still proving to be a very popular contest. Awards in this contest are being made now by the F.F.A. Foundation, Incorporated. Plans have been made to increase the number of national awards next year.

SUMMARY

The summary of the work done by the various associations for the year ending June 30, 1945, based on the information obtained from their annual reports, is as follows:

Total number chartered active local chapters.....	6,030
Total reported active membership in chartered chapters..	194,740
Total number of active members holding Green Hand Degree	95,954
Total number of active members now holding Chapter Farmer Degree	94,236
Total number of active members now holding State Farmer Degree	4,302
Total number of active members now holding American Farmer Degree	248
Total number of Associate members (local).....	159,570
Total number of Honorary members (local).....	19,197
Total number of Honorary members (State).....	2,533
Grand total of members reported.....	376,040
Number of members who participated in producing food for victory	164,753
Number of members who increased the size of their farming programs	99,386

Number of members who used improved livestock practices	111,063
Number of members who used improved crop production practices	104,288
Number of chapters engaged in organized livestock loss prevention work	2,879
Number of chapters cooperating with other groups on war-time effort	4,849
Number of members providing experience in cooperative effort	114,284
Number of members who participated in salvaging needed war materials	134,356
Number of chapters that participated in salvaging needed war materials	6,030
Number of chapters that assisted with the farm labor shortage	3,839
Number of members who repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery	114,089
Number of chapters that repaired and/or reconditioned farm machinery	4,676
Number of State associations having a safety program in operation	31
Number of members engaged in organized conservation work	89,093
Number of chapters engaged in organized conservation work	3,776
Number of members who repaired farm buildings and/or equipment	95,932
Number of State associations that nominated their full quota of American Farmers in 1945.....	37
Number of chapters having libraries with 5 or more F.F.A. books	4,636
Number of State associations holding a public speaking contest	46
Number of chapters holding a public speaking contest...	2,092
Number of chapters using accepted form of parliamentary procedure in conducting chapter meetings.....	5,426
Number of State associations having a written continuing program of work giving special emphasis to war effort	48
Number of State associations having a regular State paper, periodical, or news sheet.....	36
Number of printed State F.F.A. publications.....	19
Number of mimeographed State F.F.A. publications....	17
Number of chapters issuing news sheets or news letters..	1,451
Number of chapters preparing publicity material regularly	3,201

Number of State associations providing leadership training schools or conferences for local chapter officers and members	39
Total number of chapters participating.....	3,400
Total number of members participating.....	25,525
Number of State associations sponsoring radio broadcast series	23
Number of chapters that have prepared and given one or more radio programs.....	627
Number of chapters within States visited by State officers	1,344
Number of members who purchased war bonds and stamps	123,850
Number of chapters that purchased war bonds and stamps	2,211
Number of State associations purchasing war bonds and stamps	22
Number of members carrying out definite thrift practices	88,586
Number of chapters participating in thrift practices....	3,290
Number of members having access to the Official Manual including the revised 1944 constitution.....	157,263
Number of chapters using official chapter secretary's book	5,491
Number of chapters using official chapter treasurer's book	4,273
Number of chapters possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the Manual.....	4,688
Number of State associations possessing full meeting equipment as listed in the manual.....	46
Number of chapters using the official opening and closing and degree ceremonies for regular meetings.....	5,292
Number of chapters holding regular meetings.....	5,276
Number of State associations holding a convention in 1944	40
Number of members who have attended at least 75% of chapter meetings	141,623
Number of members who have shown outstanding ability as evidenced by scholastic activities.....	48,578
Number of chapters that encouraged supervised recreation	4,088
Number of members who participated in supervised recreation activities	118,276
Total amount reported as invested in farming by active members as of January 1, 1945.....	\$24,528,301.60
Number of collegiate chapters of F.F.A. reported in operation	8
Reported membership in collegiate chapters.....	134

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA IN ACTION

At the February meeting of the National F.F.A. Board of Trustees authorization was given to prepare and have printed a pictorial publication concerning the F.F.A. This authorization has been carried out and a publication called "Future Farmers of America . . . In Action" has been printed. I am pleased to report that 432,500 copies of this 28-page pictorial publication are being distributed. The national organization purchased 20,000 copies,

State associations purchased approximately 40,000 copies and the remainder were purchased by commercial organizations. Copies are being sent to farm organizations, service clubs, banks, cooperatives, Chambers of Commerce, and commercial concerns throughout the United States. The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company purchased 240,000 copies of this bulletin. They are sending a copy to each all-day student of vocational agriculture.

We are grateful for the interest shown and the excellent cooperation we have received from the various commercial concerns and organizations in connection with the distribution of the pictorial bulletin.

MANUAL

The delegates at the Seventeenth National Convention authorized a slight revision in the F.F.A. Manual before it was reprinted. The Manual has been revised and brought completely up to date. Copies of the revised Manual are available at the present time from the French-Bray Printing Company, official printers for the F.F.A.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The membership in the F.F.A. declined again during the past year. Since the war is over and many teachers of vocational agriculture will be returning to their jobs during the year, in all probability we will have an increase in membership for the current year. There was a decline last year of 9,435 members in the national organization. In spite of the many handicaps a number of State associations increased their membership. The following States were outstanding in this respect:

Illinois	Ohio
Massachusetts	Tennessee
Mississippi	Wisconsin
New Hampshire	

A total of 212,372 boys were enrolled in all-day classes in vocational agriculture and are eligible for membership in the F.F.A. If all of these boys had become members we would have had an increase in membership rather than a decrease.

Let us work together during this year and the years that are ahead in building a stronger and greater F.F.A. Let us set as our goal an active chapter in each department of vocational agriculture and every all-day student of vocational agriculture a member of the F.F.A.

In closing I wish to compliment the student officers for their effort and achievements they have made. It has been a pleasure to work with them. I wish to express my appreciation to the National Board of Trustees, the National Advisory Council, the State Advisers and Executive Secretaries and to our office force for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. TENNEY,
*National Executive Secretary
 Future Farmers of America.*

Report of the National Treasurer

November 15, 1945.

The Officers and Directors,
Future Farmers of America,
Richmond, Virginia.

Gentlemen:

We have made an examination of the books of account and record of

D. J. HOWARD, TREASURER, FUTURE FARMERS OF
AMERICA,
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

for the year ended October 31, 1945, and have submitted a detailed report thereon.

In connection with our examination, we have reviewed the system of internal control and the accounting procedures of the organization and, without making a detailed audit of the transactions, have examined or tested accounting records of the organization and other supporting evidence, by methods and to the extent we deemed appropriate.

In our opinion, the statements herewith submitted, subject to the comments contained in our detailed report referred to above, present fairly the position of Future Farmers of America at October 31, 1945, and the results of its operations for the year, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEACH, CALKINS & SCOTT,
Certified Public Accountants
Richmond, Virginia.

BALANCE SHEET
October 31, 1945

EXHIBIT "A"

A S S E T S

CASH IN BANK:

Shenandoah Valley National Bank (Exhibit "C")	\$13,599.40
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INVESTMENTS:

U.S. Savings Bonds, Series F: Maturity Value	\$50,000.00	
Less: Reserve for Unearned Interest	12,430.00	37,570.00

TRADE-MARK	500.00
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FIXED ASSETS:

National Camp:		
Land	\$12,343.23	
Buildings	15,317.16	
Equipment	2,283.43	\$29,943.82
Office Furniture and Equipment	212.90	30,156.72
		\$81,826.12

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

**INCOME TAX WITHHELD
FROM EMPLOYEES:**

On October Salaries	\$ 203.00
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SURPLUS

Balance—Nov. 1, 1944....	\$75,728.17
Add:	
U.S.Savings Bonds Pur- chased from Revenue....	7,400.00
	\$83,128.17

Deduct:

Excess of Expenditures Over Revenue (Exhibit "B")	1,505.05
Balance Oct. 31, 1945....	81,623.12
	\$81,826.12

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES**For the Year Ended October 31, 1945**

EXHIBIT "B"

REVENUE:

	Revenue Collected		Budget Estimate	Excess Over Estimate
	Detail	Total		
Membership Dues				
(Schedule 1).....		\$19,525.30	\$19,000.00	\$ 525.30
Royalties:				
L. G. Balfour Company.....	\$6,444.38			
Chapter Supply Company.....	142.61			
The Fair Publishing House.....	44.06			
French-Bray Printing Company..	414.17			
St. Louis Button Company.....	110.11			
Staunton Novelty Company.....	372.47			
Universal Uniform Company.....	1,181.23			
Totals—Royalties.....		8,709.03	5,000.00	3,709.03
Miscellaneous:				
Interest on U. S. Savings Bonds...\$	350.00			
Receipt from "National Congress for Vocational Agriculture Students".....	38.47			
Totals—Miscellaneous.....		388.47		388.47
Total Revenue.....		<u>\$28,622.80</u>	<u>\$24,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,622.80</u>

EXPENDITURES:

	Expended		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
Traveling:				
National Officers.....	\$1,974.55		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,025.45
Advisory Committee.....	89.45		500.00	410.55
Totals—Traveling.....		\$ 2,064.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 2,436.00
Convention:				
Delegates' Expense.....	\$2,030.70		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 469.30
Entertainment.....	25.84		300.00	274.16
Buttons, Badges, Programs.....	14.50		450.00	435.50
Miscellaneous.....	896.17		1,100.00	203.83
Totals—Convention.....		2,967.21	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 1,382.79
American Farmer Keys:				
Total Expenditures.....		1,483.83	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 16.17

EXPENDITURES (Continued):

	Expended		Appropriations	Unexpended Balance
	Detail	Total		
Prizes and Awards:				
Public Speaking Contests.....	\$		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Plaques, Pins, Medals.....		603.15	300.00	(303.15)
Miscellaneous.....		27.00	200.00	173.00
Totals—Prizes.....		630.15	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 869.85
Printing:				
Literature.....	\$1,716.45		\$ 1,500.00	\$ (216.45)
Stationery, Forms, etc.....	369.20		700.00	330.80
Totals—Printing.....		2,085.65	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 114.35
Radio Program:				
Total Expenditure.....			\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
National Office:				
Secretarial Help.....	\$3,230.00		\$ 2,840.00	\$ (390.00)
Extra Help.....			75.00	75.00
Telephone and Telegraph.....	260.93		150.00	(110.93)
Postage, Express, etc.....	107.46		75.00	(32.46)
Bond Premiums and Taxes.....	152.56		125.00	(27.56)
Publicity Materials.....	11.60		75.00	63.40
Supplies and Equipment.....	25.59		150.00	124.41
Miscellaneous.....	105.39		325.00	219.61
Totals—National Office.....		3,893.53	\$ 3,815.00	\$ (78.53)
National Camp:				
Salaries and Wages.....	\$1,260.00		\$ 1,260.00	\$
Insurance.....	183.01		400.00	216.99
Light and Power.....	36.61		50.00	13.39
Fuel and Oil.....			50.00	50.00
Telephone.....	41.64		50.00	8.36
Maintenance.....	334.39		550.00	215.61
Totals—Camp.....		1,855.65	\$ 2,360.00	\$ 504.35
Public Relations:				
Director's Salary.....	\$5,166.64		\$ 5,166.67	\$.03
Secretarial Help.....	945.10		1,500.00	554.90
Traveling.....	476.93		1,666.66	1,189.73
Communication.....			400.00	400.00
Miscellaneous.....	29.01		1,266.67	1,237.66
Totals—Public Relations....		6,617.68	\$10,000.00	\$ 3,382.32
Contingent:				
Audit.....	\$ 100.00			
Wedding Gift—Souder.....	30.15			
U. S. Savings Bonds.....	7,400.00			
F.F.A. Foundation.....	1,000.00			
Totals—Contingent.....		8,530.15	\$15,351.45	\$ 6,821.30
Total Expenditures.....		\$30,127.85	\$46,076.45	\$15,948.60
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE.		<u>\$ 1,505.05</u>	<u>\$22,076.45</u>	<u>\$20,571.40</u>
		(Exh. "A")		

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**For the Year Ended October 31, 1945****EXHIBIT "C"**

BALANCE—November 1, 1944.....	\$15,281.55
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RECEIPTS:

Membership Dues (Schedule 1).....	\$19,525.30
Royalties (Exhibit "B").....	8,709.03
Income Tax Withheld from Salaries—	
October	203.00
Amount Received from "National Con-	
gress for Vocational Agriculture	
Students"	38.47

TOTAL RECEIPTS	28,475.80
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\$43,757.35

DISBURSEMENTS:

Traveling Expense	\$ 2,064.00
Convention	2,967.21
American Farmer Keys.....	1,483.83
Prizes and Awards.....	630.15
Printing	2,085.65
Radio Program.....	<hr/>
National Office Expense.....	3,893.53
National Camp Expense.....	1,855.65
Public Relations	6,617.68
Audit	100.00
Wedding Gift—Dorothy Souder.....	30.15
U.S. Savings Bonds Purchased.....	7,400.00
Contributions to F.F.A. Foundation..	1,000.00
Payment of Withholding Tax Accrued	
at 10-31-44.....	30.10

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....	30,157.95
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BALANCE—Oct. 31, 1945 (Exhibit "A").	<u>\$13,599.40</u>
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MEMBERSHIP DUES COLLECTED**For the Year Ended October 31, 1945****SCHEDULE 1**

Association	Amount	Association	Amount
Alabama	\$ 689.40	New Hampshire	24.40
Arizona	48.70	New Jersey	75.70
Arkansas	558.00	New Mexico	89.40
California	700.50	New York	504.70
Colorado	105.70	North Carolina	954.60
Connecticut	39.00	North Dakota	75.00
Delaware	26.40	Ohio	760.00
Florida	395.40	Oklahoma	670.10
Georgia	832.10	Oregon	161.30
Hawaii	155.90	Pennsylvania ..	672.50
Idaho	132.20	Puerto Rico	327.90
Illinois	1,046.00	South Carolina	418.60
Indiana	188.30	South Dakota	76.50
Iowa	357.10	Tennessee	774.00
Kansas	434.00	Texas	1,979.00
Kentucky	475.90	Utah	250.30
Louisiana	580.80	Vermont	31.60
Maine	81.50	Virginia	652.90
Maryland	130.10	Washington	311.50
Massachusetts	53.70	West Virginia	250.20
Michigan	564.50	Wisconsin	742.60
Minnesota	299.10	Wyoming	56.80
Mississippi	646.40		
Missouri	697.00	TOTAL DUES	
Montana	161.00	COLLECTED	
Nebraska	251.20	(Exhibits "B"	
Nevada	15.80	and "C")	<u>\$19,525.30</u>

Awards and Contests

Tuesday evening, October 9, was designated as "Award Night" of Convention week. Delegates, guests, and friends of the F.F.A. organization gathered in the Little Theater and listened attentively for it was here that the results of competition for the year, on a national basis, were revealed.

Chapter Contest winners were announced by Mr. D. J. Howard. The results are shown on page 72.

Following this Mr. W. A. Cochel, Editor of *The Weekly Kansas City Star*, announced the winners of the "Star Farmer" awards for 1945. They were as follows:

Star Farmer of America—Gordon John Eichhorn, Marion, Ohio.

Star Farmer, Western Region—Clifford E. Bailey, Snohomish, Washington.

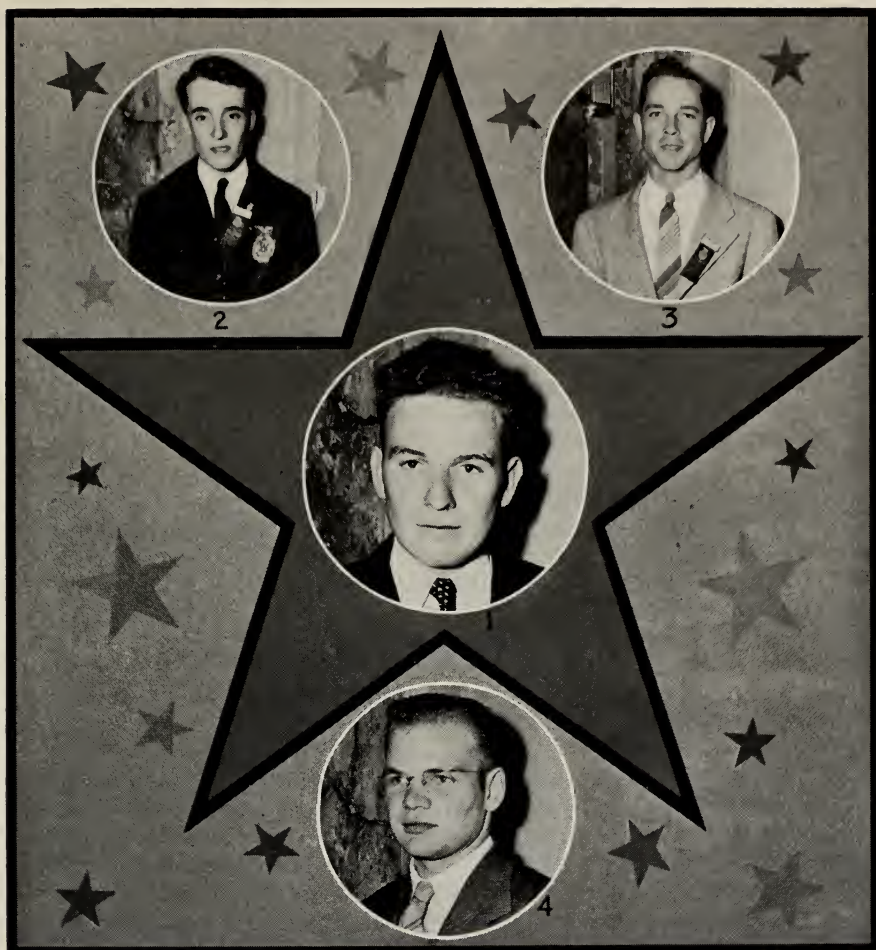
Star Farmer, North Atlantic Region—Walter D. Carlin, Jr., Unionville, South Carolina.

Star Farmer, Southern Region—William Patrick Vinson, Columbia, South Carolina.

A check for \$500.00 went to Eichhorn and checks for \$100.00 were given the other three Star Farmers named.

The J. A. Linke Award in the form of a native cherry plaque made by Past National Adviser, J. A. Linke, went to the Pleasant Township Chapter where Gordon Eichhorn, Star American Farmer for 1945, held membership. This special award gave recognition to the "home" chapter of the Star American Farmer.

Honorary American Farmer Keys were presented by National President Oliver Kinzie.



(1)—GORDON JOHN EICHHORN,
Marion, Ohio,
1945 Star Farmer of America.

(2)—WALTER D. CARLIN, JR.,
Unionville, Pennsylvania,
1945 Star Farmer, North Atlantic Region.

(3)—WILLIAM PATRICK VINSON,
Columbia, South Carolina,
1945 Star Farmer, Southern Region.

(4)—CLIFFORD E. BAILEY,
Snohomish, Washington,
1945 Star Farmer, Pacific Region.

Star Farmer Awards

Since 1929, Star Farmers have been selected annually from the American Farmer candidates receiving the Degree at the time of the national F.F.A. convention. The records of outstanding candidates are reviewed by a committee acting for the *Weekly Kansas City Star*. The records of the four winners follow.

GORDON JOHN EICHHORN**Star Farmer of America**

Gordon John Eichhorn, a Future Farmer of America from the Pleasant Township School, Marion, Ohio, has been selected as the 1945 Star Farmer of America. He has been an active leader and participant in the Future Farmers of America organization as a high school student of vocational agriculture, having been president of the local chapter for two years and a delegate to the State F.F.A. Convention three years. He participated in public speaking, parliamentary procedure, community institutes, Junior Fairs, scrap drives, parent-son and daughter banquets, radio programs, educational trips, plays, project tours, farm safety meetings, officer training schools and many similar activities that were sponsored by the Future Farmers of America.

Gordon was not only active in the Future Farmers of America organization but also in other school and community affairs. He was vice-president of his class as a freshman and junior, manager of the basketball team, a member of the school operetta, president of a Sunday School class, a member of the Marion County Honor Society, and a member of the Grange. Since graduating from high school in 1943, he became president of the Young Men's Farming Club, secretary-treasurer of the local Farmer's Institute, a representative of the local Farm Bureau Council, treasurer of the Church Youth Fellowship group, and president of a Sunday School class.

When he enrolled in vocational agriculture in 1939, he started his farming program with a sow, two steers and 26 sheep. He expanded and improved his farming enterprise to the point where he had in his farming program by the time he graduated from high school, 50 hogs, 27 steers, 26 sheep, 2 dairy cattle, and 20 acres of wheat, soybeans, barley, and corn. He had a labor income of \$1,549 from his farming program the four years he was a high school student of vocational agriculture. Two years later he had increased his labor income from farm activities to \$3,320. He supplemented this income to the extent of \$1,558 by doing general farm work, picking corn and by winning cash awards at fairs. His present farming program consists of 60 hogs, 90 sheep, 1,500 chickens, 52 acres of wheat, 67 acres corn, 18 acres soybeans, 26 acres oats, 6 acres barley, and 52 acres of alfalfa and clover. He has acquired farm equipment valued at \$2,028 consisting of a tractor, cultivator, grain and hay harvesting machines, and numerous small tools.

Gordon was responsible for the introduction of many new and approved farm practices on the home farm. Some of the most important were the use of purebred animals, liming of soils, control of stomach worms in sheep, rotation of pastures, keeping and analyzing farm records. Many improvements were made in the farm buildings and facilities. Dead trees were removed from the

yard and new trees were set out. He assumed responsibility for the care of the trees and the lawn. Many of the farm buildings were repaired and painted by Gordon with the assistance of his father and the hired man. A shower was installed in the basement. He assisted his father in the construction of cement floors in the milking shed and the steer barn, and a cement hog feeding platform was provided. Many of the fences on the farm were re-located and new fences were constructed.

At present his farming program consists of the operation of the home farm. He furnishes all equipment, half of the operating expenses and most of the labor, and receives half of the net income. He also manages and operates a 56-acre farm for a member of the armed forces and he rents a 40-acre farm from a neighbor. This 20-year-old farm boy recently bought a 10-acre tract of land and house where he and his young wife make their home.

Gordon has a net worth of \$8,315.79. He has his assets in land, household furnishings, life insurance, war bonds, livestock and poultry, crops, farm equipment and buildings. He is in a situation where he can expand and improve his farming program and will continue as an active leader in worthy activities in the farming community where he is making his home.

WILLIAM PATRICK VINSON

Star Farmer—Southern Region

To be selected as Star Farmer of the Southern Region is an enviable honor. That honor goes to William Patrick Vinson, 20, Route 1, Columbia, S. C. "Pat's" record applying for the degree of American Farmer, the highest degree awarded by the Future Farmers of America, was weighed along with 81 others from twelve Southern States. "Pat's" record proved to be the best.

This young man is the youngest in a family of five brothers and four sisters. Two of the brothers are in the Service and two brothers and four sisters live away from home. "Pat" is on the firing line at home with his widowed mother. They operate a farm of 175 acres of land, 145 acres of which are owned by his mother, 20 acres are rented by her, and 10 acres are rented by "Pat." They operate the farm on a fifty-fifty basis. "Pat's" mother furnishes the land, the workstock, and part of the equipment. A rental charge is made against each cash crop planted in order to take care of taxes and upkeep on the farm. The cash money for the purchase of seed, fertilizer, etc., is provided by Mrs. Vinson and is taken from the credits on a fifty-fifty basis. "Pat" receives one-half of the labor income on each enterprise except soil-improvement crops, dairy cattle and poultry. The total labor income earned by "Pat" for four years in school and one year out of school amounts to \$2,046.97. The farming program in operation for 1945 consists of 4 acres cotton, 23 acres corn, 8 acres oats, 10 acres soy beans, 2

acres peanuts, 31 acres pea hay, 4 acres truck, 25 hogs, 3 beef calves and 1 dairy bull.

"Pat" makes things count on the farm. He home-mixes his feed and fertilizer; he prunes and sprays his fruit trees; he repairs all the machinery on the farm; he cures his own meat; he cans his fruits and vegetables; he grinds his hogs into sausage to make them bring more money; he terraces his land and cultivates on the contour; he treats his grain and cotton seed; he grows his own tomato, potato, and pepper plants; he butchers all his meat; and he poisons the boll weevil on his cotton. His records are neat, accurate and complete.

"Pat" saves his money. He owns \$250.00 in War Bonds and \$1,475.00 in Postal Bonds. He believes in cooperation. Through his influence, his F.F.A. chapter purchased a 2,100-capacity incubator for the benefit of the members. His chapter is a charter member of the South Carolina Future Farmer Cooperative Association.

This young man's leadership in school and in his community is most outstanding. Twice he was president of his F.F.A. chapter. He was president of the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America. His fellow members sent him to Kansas City as the State's official delegate to the National Convention of the Future Farmers of America. He was twice president of the Young People's League in his community. His people hold him in such high esteem that for two years he was employed as a special instructor in food preservation at the time war demanded the conservation of all food.

"Pat" Vinson loves the farm and farm life. It is such young men as he that are worthy to be awarded the honor of STAR FARMER FOR THE SOUTHERN REGION.

CLIFFORD E. BAILEY

Star Farmer—Pacific Region

The honor of being selected "Star Farmer" of the Pacific Region for 1945 was earned by 19-year-old Clifford E. Bailey of Snohomish, Washington. This is the second time that this honor has gone to the State of Washington.

Clifford graduated from the Vocational Agriculture Department of the Snohomish High School in 1944 at the age of 17, where he made an outstanding record as a Future Farmer, a leader, and an honor student. Now, as a real farmer, he is a member of both the Seattle Milk Producers Association and the Snohomish County Dairymen's Association, and is an instructor of adult classes in agriculture for farmers and farm workers.

His supervised farming program evidences in a strong way that he has planned for some time on becoming established in farming on a sound high quality basis. In 1941, Clifford purchased a pure-bred Holstein heifer with money he had earned by raising a splen-

did crop of corn. Each year while in school, this young dairyman enlarged his herd of purebred Holsteins and increased the acreage of sweet corn for canning and freezing and to feed the growing dairy herd. Since graduation from high school in 1944, Clifford has increased his dairy herd so that now he has a one-half interest in 72 head of purebred and high grade animals. Last year he marketed from his herd a half million pounds of milk and 18,000 pounds of butterfat. Such a vast amount of dairy products at a time when they were so sorely needed by our Nation, was no small wartime contribution of essential food.

The achievements of this young farmer whereby he has secured assets of over \$13,000.00 have not been received through gifts. There is on file in the registrar's office of his home county, the articles of co-partnership of Bailey and Son. These articles covering 12 typewritten pages cover in detail all phases of his co-partnership. Clifford and his father closely observe the stipulations of their agreement which forms the basis of their business dealings in a sound manner.

Clifford has set up a breeding plan to further increase the average production of his herd that is worthy of the most favorable comment. Only those herd sires are used whose pedigrees show a line of high producing ancestors that pass these production traits on to their off-spring. Many of the dams shown in the pedigrees of the herd sires have butterfat records of over 1,000 pounds and milk records that even exceed 38,000 pounds. Heifer replacements in the herd are only selected from those dams producing over 450 pounds of butterfat and who have good general breed characteristics that are commuted on to their off-spring. Furthermore, the herd is kept abortion free through vaccination and are T. B. tested. Each cow is fed a balanced ration based upon production records and the condition of the animal.

The high average crop production of the Bailey farm is gradually increasing through the rotation of crops, heavy applications of barnyard manure and other fertilizers, use of soil conservation practices and the growing of legume crops such as peas. Last year Clifford had 70 acres of peas which added materially to the cash income of the farm.

The attributes of a "Star" Farmer are in evidence wherever you go on the Bailey farm because those things such as buildings, fences, and fields are kept clean, neat, and in an orderly manner.

Clifford showed evidence of leadership when he was elected Reporter of the local chapter during his Freshman year. Later he was elected to several other offices including that of President of the Washington State Association where he served with distinction.

He has been a member of several livestock and crop judging teams, winning many honors. He has further expanded his leadership through activities in the Hi-Y, high school societies, public

speaking, football as an outstanding letterman, as an honor student, chairman of high school bond drives and victory corps work, and as a member of several cooperatives in the local chapter including those on feed, chapter breeding stock, and school farm. Certainly, all of these have contributed in developing this young farmer into a valuable citizen—and worthy of being a Star Farmer.

WALTER D. CARLIN, JR.

Star Farmer—North Atlantic Region

Walter Carlin and his younger brother, William, own and operate a farm which was originally purchased by their father and operated by a tenant. The farm continued to go down in every way until the father had decided to dispose of it. Much to the father's surprise, the two sons decided that they would take the course in vocational agriculture with the intention of taking over the farm and becoming farmers.

Progressive achievement toward the goal of establishment in farming marks Walter's record. Starting vocational agriculture in 1938-39, his supervised farming program consisted of 32 market pigs which yielded a labor income of \$144.50. The second year his farming program consisted of 29 market pigs and 350 chicks with a labor income of \$268.98.

The third year, that is 1940-41, with savings from preceding years and with money borrowed that fall from a local bank, a tractor and the most necessary items of equipment were purchased with the actual start in farming made. In addition to market pigs, chicks and hens, Walter and his brother rented the 121-acre farm. Enterprises jointly owned by the two brothers included barley 8 acres, garden $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, hay 5 acres, 3 dairy cows and 17 calves, wheat 13 acres, soy beans 13 acres and 5 pigs. Walter's labor income and other farm earnings totaled \$624.18.

In his senior year market pigs numbered 15, sow and litters 2 and broilers 3,720. In addition, the two brothers had 13 acres hay, 15 acres grain, 10 acres soy beans, 14 dairy cattle, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre garden and 4 acres corn. Walter's labor income and other farm earnings totaled \$1,445.01.

Walter is now in his third year out of school. The farm program has increased markedly in scope during each of these three years with the 1944-45 program showing broilers 12,000, swine 14 sows and 180 shoats, 35 steers, 29 acres corn, 24 acres barley, 24 acres wheat, 10 acres rye, 6 acres oats, 8 acres alfalfa, 24 acres soy beans, and 2 dairy cows. Labor income for the last full year was \$2,447.47.

In 1943-44, 70 acres additional land was rented on a share basis while in 1944-45 90 acres were purchased of the home farm, with the remaining 31 acres rented. Total acreage operated 191.

This farm program has been accompanied by the use of outstanding crop, livestock and soil improvement practices. While in school the boys had painted buildings, barns and fences. Four poultry houses of the following dimensions were constructed: 8x8, 6x8, 10x12 and 12x26 feet. New fences constructed totaled 700 yards, woven wire fence 130 rods and 2,500 feet of electric fence. Plantings included 20 fruit trees, 50 Norway spruce and 3,000 locust trees on eroded land. In addition, 24 acres were laid out in contour strips, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of swamp was drained and 600 feet of gully checked with 24 dams.

Improvement projects since completing school include the cutting of logs and sawing 9,700 board feet of lumber for use on the farm; building brooder and broiler houses 12x36 feet, 18x64 feet, and 18x216 feet; planting an additional 1,000 locust trees and 200 Scotch pines; and laying underground 875 feet of water pipe to poultry buildings. Other improvement projects included the use of 220 tons of limestone, green and barnyard manures, commercial fertilizers, legumes, inoculating materials and treatment for small grain seed.

Walter served one year as secretary of his local F.F.A. chapter, 2 years as president and one year as secretary of the State association. He was a member of many important chapter committees, served as toastmaster for the father-son banquet 2 years and was winner of the county public speaking contest. In addition he served as secretary of the freshman class, secretary of the sophomore class, vice president of the junior class and president of the senior class. He holds membership in a number of organizations, such as the Highland Grange, Y.M.C.A. public speaking club, Coatesville production co-op exchange, Norristown Production Credit Association, Chester County Farm Bureau, A.A.A., Pomona Grange, Eastern State Farmers' Exchange, Legislative committee of Grange, and the local church.

Walter is well established in farming. Vocational agriculture and the F.F.A. have functioned wonderfully in making the efforts of the young man a success. He is worthy of the honor of Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region.

The Chapter Contest

The National F.F.A. Chapter Contest, conducted annually by the organization, is designed to encourage and reward chapter effort, stimulate group action among members, and to encourage improvement in local chapter programs of work. Both the interest shown and the actual accomplishments over a period of years give ample evidence of the effectiveness of this event. The Chapter Contest has been a valuable aid in stimulating both individual and cooperative effort and in crystallizing chapter programs of work into a series of worthwhile undertakings.

In scoring a chapter's program, consideration was given to: (1) the importance and appropriateness of the items included; (2) the goals of accomplishment set; and (3) the methods and devices used to attain the goals. This applied to each item on the score card.

Four levels of achievement were recognized as follows: Gold Emblem Chapters; Silver Emblem Chapters; Bronze Emblem Chapters; and Honorable Mention Chapters. All competing chapters were classified by a committee on this basis in terms of the program of work and final report submitted using the score card shown above. The 1945 high-ranking chapters were:

Gold Emblem Classification

Talbotton-Woodland, Georgia	Neligh, Nebraska ✓
Byron, Illinois	Shawnee, Oklahoma ✓
Chenoa, Illinois	Albany, Oregon ✓
Lafayette-Bryan Station, Kentucky	Alpine, Texas ✓
Alma, Michigan	Hurricane, West Virginia ✓
Flathead, Montana	Unidis, West Virginia ✓

Silver Emblem Classification

Notasulga, Alabama	Rugby, North Dakota ✓
DeLand, Florida	Van Wert-Marsh, Ohio ✓
Sedan, Kansas	Mooreland, Oklahoma ✓
Sunset, Louisiana	Emmaus, Pennsylvania ✓
Medicine Lake, Montana	Jasper, Texas ✓
Mesilla Valley, New Mexico	Lincoln, Utah ✓

Bronze Emblem Classification

Lanier, Alabama	Velva, North Dakota ✓
Coolidge, Arizona	Kennett, Pennsylvania ✓
Conway, Arkansas	Brookings, South Dakota ✓
Housatonic Valley, Connecticut	Highgate, Vermont ✓
Kahuku, Hawaii	Port Republic, Virginia ✓
Jeffersontown, Kentucky	Shorthorn, Virginia ✓
Fremont, Michigan	Shoshone, Wyoming ✓
Pioneer, Nebraska	

Honorable Mention

Yuma, Arizona ✓	Hamilton, Missouri ✓
Tri-Ag, Connecticut ✓	Jasper Eagle, Missouri ✓
Mount Ayr, Iowa ✓	Cattaraugus, New York ✓
Emmittsburg, Maryland ✓	Bremen, Ohio ✓
Sherwood, Maryland ✓	Cottageville, South Carolina ✓
Mountain Lake, Minnesota ✓	Midway, South Carolina ✓
Binford, Mississippi ✓	Eastern, South Dakota ✓

A total of 715 chapters filed entries and 53 State winners reached the finals. The Gold, Silver, and Bronze Emblem Classification winners received an appropriately inscribed certificate as well as national plaques of miniature gold, silver, or bronze emblems, for plaques previously won. All awards were provided by the national organization of Future Farmers of America.

Judges for the 1945 Chapter Contest were: Dr. F. W. Lathrop, Research Specialist in Agricultural Education, U. S. Office of Education; Mr. R. E. Naugher, Specialist in Part-time and Evening Schools, U. S. Office of Education; and, Mr. A. H. Hollenberg, Farm Mechanics Specialist in Agricultural Education, U. S. Office of Education. Accounts of the Gold Emblem Chapters follow:

TALBOTTON-WOODLAND, GEORGIA
(Gold Emblem)

A well-planned and well-executed program of work for all-member participation under the leadership of President Robert Kellum and adviser Claude E. Boggs, made possible the Gold Emblem award for the 38 active members of the Talbotton-Woodland Chapter at Talbotton, Georgia.

Averaging 3 productive projects, 3 improvement projects and 7 supplementary farming practices per member, the boys completed an outstanding supervised farming program with 100% ownership of one or more major productive projects.

Major cash enterprises included poultry, hogs, dairy and beef cattle, with ample feed crops and pastures to care for all livestock. Ninety-five percent of the livestock owned by chapter members is purebred stock and all members used improved varieties of crops in the supervised farming programs. Seventy-five percent of the members installed one or more home or farm conveniences as one of their farm shop activities.

Every member cooperated whole-heartedly to help other members have outstanding farming programs. Three thousand baby chicks, 75 fruit trees, 10,000 plants for Victory gardens, 15 bushels hybrid seed corn, 2000 pounds peanuts, and 12 bushels purebred cotton seed were purchased cooperatively. In addition to these cooperative activities, 13,000 pounds scrap iron, 6,000 pounds waste paper, 1,300 burlap bags, 1,800 pounds clothing and 800 pounds of scrap rubber were collected during the salvage drives.

Community Service activities ranked high on the list of objectives of the Talbotton-Woodland Chapter. Several pieces of furniture and equipment for the school lunch room were made in the school farm shop. A school community cannery was constructed and the chapter assisted in canning 28,000 pints of fruits, vegetables and meat during the year.

Two demonstration farms near the school were sponsored by the chapter. Approved soil conservation and land-use practices were put into operation on these farms. Members of the Evening classes and other farmers visited these demonstration farms to observe these improved practices. Other community service activities included: (1) Sponsored a livestock loss prevention campaign; (2) Ordered 30 bushels hybrid seed corn for farmers; (3) Beautified local school campus; (4) Assisted in ordering and placing 75 head of purebred dairy cattle and 85 head of purebred beef cattle on the farms in the community; and (5) Culled ten flocks of 8,000 birds for poultry men in the community.

Members of the chapter have endeavored to become better leaders through taking part in the chapter events that required special training and study. As an indication of the leadership activities participated in by the chapter during the year, six special meetings for training in parliamentary procedure were held, ten members were awarded the State Farmer degree, twelve members entered the local F.F.A. chapter speaking contest, one member was elected State third vice-president, and chapter officers as well as committee chairmen assisted in preparing the chapter report for the State office.

A thrift bank was organized in the chapter in which each member deposited a part of his earnings to finance his farming program. The average savings per member during the year was \$233.65. Each member has \$554.78 invested in farming. The chapter raised \$602.45 during the year and this financed the chapter group activities.

Ways and means of accomplishing each major chapter activity was used as a topic for discussion at chapter meetings. Committees had general plans worked out on each topic before presentation to the chapter for discussion. All meetings were opened and closed with the regular ceremonies.

One joint meeting was held with the Future Homemakers to discuss cooperative activities for the two groups. Forty business men in the community attended one or more meetings. Two honorary degrees were awarded to outstanding men in the community and the degrees were awarded before the entire student body. At the beginning of school, all eighth grade boys were entertained by the chapter to acquaint them with F. F. A. work.

A "Big Brother" committee was appointed at the beginning of the year as a means of raising the scholastic average of chapter members. This committee was to work with those who needed help

and were failing in some of their studies. As a result of the committee's work during the last three quarters of the school year, the scholastic average for the entire chapter was raised 3 points. Thirty-two or 84% of the chapter members were in the upper one-half of their classes in all studies.

Recreational activities participated in by the chapter during the year included a camping trip to the State F.F.A. camp, two overnight fishing trips, and basketball games with out-of-school F.F.A. members.

BYRON, ILLINOIS

(Gold Emblem)

The Byron Chapter is located in a small farming community in the beautiful and historic Rock River Valley in northern Illinois. The chapter was started January 2, 1936. Thirty active members comprise the membership and 67 former members are in the armed forces.

Farming programs for each boy were developed in line with their individual conditions. Ninety-seven percent of the members own at least one livestock project. Ninety percent of the members have established long time farming programs. An average of three improvement projects and nineteen supplementary practices were carried out per member.

Each member maintains his own agricultural library of books, bulletins and circulars to aid him in planning and carrying on his farming program. A Future Farmer Soil Saver Club was organized this year with 81 percent of the chapter members being enrolled in this activity. A loan fund was established in order that boys needing financial assistance to enlarge their farming programs might be aided.

Cooperative activities of many kinds were carried out in order that members of the Byron chapter would realize the value of working together. A junior Swine Breeders Association and a Junior Dairy Improvement Association were organized with separate sets of officers for each. Each association developed a challenging program of work. A cooperative fruit project consisting of about one acre was carried out with all members taking an active part. A chapter project of 200 broilers was also completed with all members cooperating. Members with sheep projects purchased phenothiazine cooperatively so that internal parasites could be controlled more easily. Fertilizer in the amount of 2,300 pounds, was purchased and sold cooperatively. The members also cooperated in purchasing stock and project supplies from each other.

Community service was also extensively practiced. Three educational exhibits were erected and placed in the window of local stores. The boys helped farmers by testing fertilizer, hybrid corn varieties, 400 acres of soil, six dairy herds monthly, six farm wells, repairing and oiling eleven sets of harness, building a trailer for

a local farmer and by repairing four machines and one hog house. A total of 262 cows were tested by members of the chapter for mastitis and made recommendations for its control. The chapter aided in the war effort by a scrap drive and by purchasing war bonds.

Every member contributed his part by showing leadership in all chapter activities. Each member served on at least two committees. One boy was awarded the State Farmer degree. Junior officers were elected in order to train them for officer responsibilities for the coming year. A parent and son night was held with 104 parents and boys attending. Three members of the Byron chapter served on the school student council. A local public speaking contest was held with one boy entering the sectional contest. One member served as a State vice-president this year.

A total net profit of \$200.97 was realized from activities to create a working capital for the chapter. This profit came as returns from fruit raising, broiler and trailer projects, exhibit premiums, seed sales and corn husking. Savings by members total \$3,300.00. Each member has an average labor income of \$120.00. An average investment per member in farming during the year was \$270.00. The latest inventory shows that the chapter has a total investment of \$204.00.

Official ceremonies were used at all meetings and initiations. Two meetings per month during the school year and three summer meetings were held with the average length of each meeting being two hours and 85 percent of the members attending. One meeting was devoted to officers training and all meetings were conducted according to the approved parliamentary form. All officers used ritual materials without reading from the manual. A year book was published for each member in which was posted a calendar for a program of work accomplishments. Two honorary members were elected and presented with the degree.

Scholarship awards were given to each boy at the end of the first and second semesters for the highest average in all subjects for each class. An average scholarship grade for all members was a "C" and 36 percent of the members ranked in the upper quarter of their classes. One meeting was devoted to the scholarship and the chapter honor roll was maintained.

The Bryon chapter had experienced one of its most successful years in 1944-45. This success has been achieved because the chapter developed a sound program of work which was adequately financed, received excellent leadership and had the utmost cooperation from all of its members, and they carried to completion the many activities which were planned.

CHENOA, ILLINOIS

(Gold Emblem)

The Chenoa, Illinois Chapter is located in a typical farming com-

munity in the center of the corn belt. The land which is highly cultivated produces much grain and livestock. Thirty-one active members comprise the Chenoa chapter. An average of 2.8 projects with an investment in farming of \$536.30 per boy were the accomplishments of the F.F.A. Chapter at Chenoa. The labor income for the year 1944-45 averaged \$202.29 per boy. In addition to this each boy averaged 9.4 improvement projects and 41 supplementary practices. Every member had a long time farming program as well as 100% full ownership of one or more productive projects. The chapter president is Eddie Thum and Robert J. Walker is the local advisor.

The boys in the Chenoa chapter were busy increasing production of food commodities to aid in the war effort. One thousand eighty bushels of corn were raised, 59,606 pounds of pork, 4,129 pounds of beef and 40,640 pounds of milk were produced. Other productions by chapter boys were 1,273 dozen eggs, 145 fryers and 8 fat lambs.

The boys in the Chenoa chapter carried out 1,386 approved farming skills. One hundred percent of the members used improved strains of seed in crop projects and 90% used purebred livestock. One hundred twenty-one cows were tested for butterfat production.

The Chenoa chapter was active in group activities. Ten boys participated in growing Vicland oats. Alfalfa feeding to hogs was a project of 21 boys which showed the value of this practice. A Swine Improvement Association was formed to keep performance records on sows so as to advance the swine enterprise in the community. Weights were kept on 227 pigs at farrowing time and 175 at the time of weaning.

The Chenoa chapter was active in the war effort. An organized chapter group sold \$16,756 in war bonds, made direct chapter donations totaling \$19.55 to war funds and contributed food to the Red Cross Railway Canteen. Other contributions include the repair of 93 pieces of farm machinery, the construction of 49 pieces of farm equipment, the collection of 1,200 pounds of clothing for war relief and sending to service men 405 copies of the chapter news.

Aid was given to farmers on testing soil for acidity and phosphate, pruning and spraying and simple veterinarian practices. Farm surveys were made to locate fire and accident hazards.

The community was served in many ways through F.F.A. leadership. In church youth groups there were three presidents, one vice-president, one secretary and one treasurer; in Boy Scouts, one reporter and one librarian. Within the high school group, the F.F.A. supplied nine class officers, two football captains, one basketball captain, seven members of the casts in the Junior and Senior class plays, 17 members on the track team, 12 members on the football squad and 11 members were on the basketball team.

Emphasis has been placed on the development of every member of the chapter in leadership rather than on a select few. Every member has taken an active responsibility on some committee. One hundred percent participation was reached in many other activities including radio programs. A complete set of junior officers were chosen and trained for the coming year.

The Chenoa chapter has four organized active business cooperatives which did a gross business of \$1,179.07 during the year. Under the direct leadership of chapter officers cooperatives were operated for production selling, purchasing and service.

Farming programs were well represented, having an investment of \$17,625.32. Chapter members purchased \$6,325.05 in war bonds and stamps and their bank accounts total deposits of \$2,001.82. The average savings per member was \$805.78.

The scholarship of the Chenoa F.F.A. Chapter ranks above that of the rest of the boys in the Chenoa High School.

LAFAYETTE-BRYAN STATION, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

(Gold Emblem)

Located in the heart of the bluegrass is Lafayette-Bryan Station Chapter which has a membership of 44 active members. The Chapter was led by its president M. T. Wright, Jr. and advised by W. C. Montgomery and J. P. Truett during 1944-45. Even though tobacco is the main cash crop for this section of the State, members aided in the war effort by producing beef, poultry, sheep, dairy cattle, swine and vegetable gardens.

Chapter members averaged over two productive projects each, with an average labor income of \$708.07. The total labor income for the chapter was \$39,410.27. All of the members averaged twenty improved practices and acquired at least 15 farm skills each during the year. The average investment in farming programs per member was \$525.39. The chapter averaged more than one improvement project per member. Supplementary farm practice carried on during the year totaled 3,200 hours. Eighty percent of the chapter's projects were of a continuation type and 100% of all projects which were started were carried to completion.

The Lafayette-Bryan Station Chapter members organized the Lafayette F.F.A. Purebred Livestock Breeders Club during the year and all members having livestock belonged. Swine, sheep, poultry, dairy, potato and farm practice record books as well as farm mechanics were exhibited at the Kentucky State Fair. The first annual Lafayette F.F.A. show was sponsored by the Chapter in January 1945. Chapter members participated in the bluegrass district lamb show and sale.

Cooperative activity was practiced by the members of the chapter. They have a membership in the Central Kentucky Milk Producers Association and have purchased 60,000 pounds of feed coopera-

tively through this organization. The Lafayette-Bryan Station Chapter owns four shares of the Kentucky Future Farmers Cooperative, Inc., through which 20 western ewes, 448 pounds of certified hybrid seed corn and 50 pounds of phenothiazine were purchased during the year. Cooperative purchases were made on 50 pounds of garden seed, six ounces of certified tobacco seed, 80 western ewes, 8 purebred gilts, one dairy heifer and seven head of purebred Aberdeen Angus beef cattle.

Other cooperative activities include the sponsoring of an orphan boy by the chapter and the raising of 100 white rock broilers. Scrap paper was collected by the chapter and a clothing drive for the allied forces was sponsored. The chapter also conducted a pig chain during the year.

Many varied community service activities were carried on by the Lafayette-Bryan Station Chapter. Members assisted with the operation of the Lafayette community cannery which conserved 37,274 cans of food in 1944-45. Chapter members culled 1,000 hens, tested garden seed, beautified homes and sponsored a safety program for the farmers of their community. One boy won an award of \$100.00 offered to the Future Farmers in Kentucky who carried out the best fire prevention program. The Lafayette F.F.A. organized a conservation club and has membership in the league of Kentucky Sportsmen. A pest extermination contest was sponsored by the chapter with all of the members participating. Three tobacco grading demonstrations were sponsored by the chapter for farmers of the community.

One American Farmer was selected from the chapter who was trained during the year and was chosen by the State Executive Committee as one of the five candidates from Kentucky in 1944-45. Four members received the Kentucky State Farmer Degree this year.

All chapter officers received special training and attended the Bluegrass District Officers Training School last fall. Junior officers were elected early in the year and assisted the regular officers during the year. All of the members participated in a local public speaking contest which was followed by members taking part in a District Public Speaking Contest.

An effort was made to improve the scholastic standing of the chapter. The average grade of all members was B—. The member having the highest grade in the chapter was presented with a certificate of honor.

ALMA, MICHIGAN

(Gold Emblem)

The chapter was very active in promoting supervised farming programs of the different individuals. Sixty slides were prepared and shown in the beginning class in vocational agriculture and to their parents, members of the Grange, and other farm organiza-

tions, to stimulate a desirable understanding of supervised farming programs. Hybrid seed corn was provided ten members for trial use on their home farms. Ten purebred Spotted Poland China sow pigs and a purebred ewe was purchased and awarded to members of the chapter. All project litters were systematically weighed and 15 sows have been qualified in the Registry of Merit. Many other activities were sponsored to promote improved supervised farming programs.

The 67 members of this chapter demonstrated a desire to work together for the common good of each member. One of the most attractive projects was the purebred sow and gilt sale where 22 were sold at \$880. More than \$3,500 worth of purebred hogs were sold by the chapter members during the year. The chapter owns 2 purebred boars that are available for use by members of the chapter. The chapter purchased a new sprayer for use by individual members, and to spray the orchard that is operated cooperatively. The material such as lime sulphur, nicotine sulfate, arsenic of lead, spray lime, louse powder, phenothiazine and many other items that were essential for use in farming programs was purchased cooperatively.

Two scrap drives were conducted which resulted in the collection of 39,650 pounds of scrap which was an average of 610 pounds per member. A hybrid corn demonstration plot containing 18 varieties was conducted. More than 50 persons were present when the corn was harvested to observe results.

Chapter members assisted in the training of town boys to help relieve the farm labor shortage. This resulted in 18 placements of town boys to work on farms during the summer. Chapter members gave five demonstrations before 250 people on the control of ox-warbles.

All members received training and participated in parliamentary procedures. Teams were selected to compete in the county contest. All officers and two additional members attended the district leadership camp. Chapter officers assisted other chapters in raising Green Hands to Chapter Farmers. The chapter library has provided F.F.A. manuals, guides for parliamentary procedure, and Roberts' Rules of Order for use by its members.

The treasurer's books were audited December 1, 1944. The chapter had assets of \$827.87 consisting of such things as livestock, equipment, supplies and cash.

Many recreational and social activities were conducted during the year. This included a skating and Christmas party, and a hayride with all members participating. An all-school barn dance was sponsored which resulted in the largest high school party held in the community with an attendance of 273 students and 107 spectators. The annual summer picnic with the home economics girls was held with 80 percent of the members present. The chapter was active in informing the public relative to the work of the chapter.

Thirty articles were prepared for local papers and three were prepared for the State F.F.A. Newsletter.

FLATHEAD CHAPTER, KALISPELL, MONTANA

(Gold Emblem)

The Flathead Chapter in Kalispell, Montana, came back this year to win the coveted honor rating of Gold Emblem for the third consecutive year. The present active membership of 79 includes 21 young farmers who have been out of school from one to three years. The number of active members who are out of school is indicative of the interest which former students continue to retain in the F.F.A. Under normal conditions, the number of out of school members would be much larger. One hundred and thirty-four former members are in the armed services. This chapter is under the able leadership of President Donald Weaver and Adviser H. E. Robinson.

The chapter completed an average of four productive projects per member from which was produced \$25,936.40 worth of agricultural products. The net worth of each student is \$672.41 or an increase of \$161.70 per member over that of a year ago. Ninety four percent of the members have long-time farming programs in operation and 98 percent of the members have full ownership of their projects. Each member completed over seven improvement projects, as well as nearly 17 supplementary farm practices.

The livestock program of the chapter is outstanding and as a result, the amount of livestock has increased and the quality greatly improved. Several hundred head of registered livestock have been owned by the chapter during the past few years and handled on a revolving basis. This revolving ring livestock program is continuing to grow each year with the result that many now have purebred or registered herds of sheep, dairy cattle, beef and swine, that otherwise would not be in the community. The chapter also maintains several head of outstanding breeding stock for the use of members and farmers. This improved livestock has been a great stimulus to the Northwest Montana Youth Fair at Kalispell where this year there was exhibited 214 head of livestock, 450 entries of fruits, vegetables, grains and shopwork. Fair Day was climaxed with the Flathead Youth Festival largely sponsored by the chapter. Games of skill, shows, dancing, and other entertainment during the evening brought in gross receipts of \$1,539.64 which was a real boost to the chapter assets.

A 22-acre tract of woodland is owned by the chapter and used to demonstrate the proper management of farm woodlands. The Soil Conservation Service and a Pine Association are cooperating with the boys in methods of handling and management in order to secure a sustained yield and the greatest return from the land. A used crawler-type tractor was purchased and then rebuilt in the farm shop. This tractor is used on the chapter farm, rented to the

members as well as to others and as a result, is an excellent source of chapter revenue.

Community service is an integral part of the entire program and some of the achievements consist of building or reconstructing 85 large pieces of farm machinery and equipment including such things as hay stackers, buck rakes, sawmills, electric brooders, self-feeders, and swine houses. A total of 175 dairy cows are included in the F.F.A. testing association which has resulted in higher production per cow and improved feeding practices.

Leadership training is stressed at all times and as a result, 20 former members hold responsible offices in community organizations. Three members were elevated to the State Farmer Degree this year to bring the chapter total up to 17. A chapter newsletter is sent out every two months to alumni and former members now in the armed services.

Eighteen chapter meetings were held during the year with an average attendance of 81 percent of the membership besides an average of ten alumni and four adult farmers at each meeting. These meetings are held during out-of-school time and their average length is two hours.

Scholarship is stimulated through awards by having "Big Brothers" for new members and holding meetings on "How to Study". Such methods have proven to be effective in raising the scholarship standing of the members with the result that several are on the school honor roll.

Recreation is not forgotten by this busy group of farm boys because they held a parent-son banquet for 150 persons, won the school soft ball championship, placed second in basketball, held a picnic for the Home Economics girls, and attended a summer camp at Bowman Lake in Glacier National Park. A total of 135 books and 28 periodicals are in the chapter library. Whether it is recreation or work, the able leadership of such persons as Henry Robinson is bound to result in worthwhile achievements for the benefit of the community served.

NELIGH, NEBRASKA

(Gold Emblem)

The Neligh Chapter is located in the center of Antelope County, Nebraska and in a community which has a population of 1,800. This F.F.A. Chapter is fourteen years old having been granted a charter in 1931. Fifty-four hard working boys comprise the membership of this group. Richard Peterson, President of the Neligh Chapter during 1944, led this active group of boys. The advisor was R. A. Pilster.

Recognition was given several boys in this chapter during the year. Merlin Hansen was selected and awarded the American Farmer Degree. Four members of the chapter received the Nebraska State Farmer Degree.

Participation in supervised practice was entered into by all members of the Neligh Chapter. The members averaged 2 production projects each during 1944-45. Improvement projects averaged 3.2, supplementary practices 4.7 with 95% of the members having one or more production projects owned in full. Seventy-nine percent of the members had long-time farming and 95% of all projects that were started were carried to completion.

The boys in the Neligh Chapter did their part in helping provide food which helped in the war effort. With 51.4 of the members having both crop and livestock projects, 86,143 pounds of meat were produced, 8,759 bushels of grain were raised and harvested and 4,625 dozen eggs were gathered. Every chapter member had a home vegetable garden. The chapter owns \$425.00 in purebred hogs.

One of the activities of the members of the Neligh Chapter was cooperatives. Ninety-six head of livestock were shown by twenty-five boys in a junior fair that was sponsored by the chapter. A sheep docking and castrating ring was formed with 125 animals being handled by 100% of the boys participating. Twenty-eight head of hogs were sold cooperatively by twenty boys. The chapter potato project was a cooperative venture where 1,725 pounds of potatoes were raised. A sheep shearing ring featured by the chapter showed seventy-one head of sheep sheared by 18% of the boys. Five thousand pounds of minerals were mixed by 72% of the boys which were fed to project animals. Ten purebred Gilts were purchased cooperatively for members.

Cooperation with all of the other school organizations was the theme of the Neligh Chapter where there was 100% participation. Paper and scrap were collected and sold. Nineteen dollars and twenty-five cents was collected and donated to the Polio fund.

Service to the community was an important activity of the chapter during 1944-45. Every member joined the Junior Red Cross. One hundred and forty-seven laying flocks were culled for farmers of the community and milk from 45 cows was tested for butterfat. The F.F.A. boys being cognizant of fire damage, conducted a survey of farm fire hazards to aid in fire prevention. Farm homes of the community were beautified through a contest for that purpose. Purebred livestock was introduced into the community to improve livestock and crop practices.

A program was featured where seed was treated for farmers, emphasis being placed on potatoes and grain. Forty head of cattle were vaccinated, six head dehorned, and 73 head were treated for grubs.

The mechanical phase of farming was not neglected by the chapter. Five hog self-feeders, six A type hog houses, one shed roof type hog house, one brooder house, seven wagon boxes, four feed racks, three feed bunks, and twenty-five mash feeders for chickens were among the equipment that was constructed for farmers.

Contour lines were run on 80 acres of farm land to sponsor a soil conservation program. Seventy percent of the members participated in this program.

The Neligh Chapter was outstanding in leadership accomplishments. A training school for officers was held for the district where three members were selected for the coming year. Two delegates were sent to the State convention. Four programs were presented to business clubs and to rural schools. Members of the Neligh Chapter participated in both local and State public speaking contests. Each member was active on at least one regular committee during the year 1944-45.

The average labor income per individual member from farming activities for the year 1944-45 was \$266.77. The average investment per member in farming totaled \$372.86 and the average saving per member was \$224.79. The net worth of the Neligh Chapter on March 1, 1945 totaled \$479.69.

The scholarship for the chapter averaged C+ for all subjects. Twenty-five percent of the members were in the upper quarter of the class, 29% in the second quarter and 46% in the lower half of the class.

SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

(Gold Emblem)

Shawnee, located in Pottawatomie County, near the central part of Oklahoma is surrounded by fertile soil. Diversified farming—with cotton, corn, small grains, alfalfa, grain sorghums, dairy and livestock farming playing the leading roll—is practiced by the leading farmers in the community. The Shawnee chapter with 62 active members has been awarded the Gold Emblem classification for outstanding achievements during the 1944-45 school year. Ten members are out of school but still take an active part in chapter activities.

Under the direction of their president, Jerry Swink, Adviser, Otto T. Krausse, and committee chairmen, the chapter completed a superior supervised farming program that included 5 productive projects, 5 improvement projects, and 29 supplementary farming practices per member. Crop production included 24,320 pounds cotton, 285 tons legume hay, 1,452 bushels grain sorghum, 1,820 bushels small grain, 5,400 bushels corn, and 46 tons of vegetables. Livestock production included 302,640 pounds of milk, 10,200 pounds of beef, 15,257 dozen eggs, 2,860 pounds of broilers, 4,830 pounds of pork and 54 pigs for breeding purposes. The labor income from this farming program was \$28,607.35 or an average of \$539.76 per member.

The chapter used many devices to improve the quantity and quality of the supervised farming program. These activities included long-time farming program plans worked out with parents and teacher which are based on activities on the home farm, proj-

ect tours, contests, livestock shows, use of purebred sires, and active committees for all phases of work.

Many cooperative activities were engaged in during the year. Some of the most outstanding activities were:

1. The chapter cooperatively purchased Derris Dust and the members treated all cattle (3,018 head) in the school district for cattle grub.
2. Five hundred samples of soil were collected and tested for acidity.
3. Members purchased cooperatively: (a) 21,000 pounds of feed; (b) 700 pounds mineral for livestock; and (c) 81 bushels of crop seed.
4. Thirteen members sold registered gilts and boars.
5. Sponsored and conducted a project tour for chapter members and adults to 16 of the outstanding boys' farming projects.

Some outstanding community service activities accomplishments of the Shawnee chapter were:

1. Twenty- one members assisted farmers to lay out 142,560 feet of terrace and contour lines.
2. Thirty-three members assisted in culling 2,037 birds.
3. Assisted in treating 505 bushels of grain.
4. Assisted in the Red Cross, United War Chest, and Infantile Paralysis Drives. The chapter contributed \$50 to these drives.
5. Assisted in vaccinating 117 head of livestock.
6. Assisted in placing 3 purebred dairy bulls, 23 purebred dairy heifers, 1 purebred boar, and 5 purebred gilts on farms in the community.

All members received leadership training by participating in leadership training conferences conducted by the chapter. All members served on at least one committee and this afforded an opportunity to further develop leadership. Seven radio broadcasts were presented over stations WKY and KGFF at Oklahoma City and Shawnee with 32% member participation.

Six parliamentary drill teams were organized with 100% member participation. A local chapter contest on parliamentary procedure was conducted. The final phase of the contest was an open public meeting conducted at night.

Twenty-four regular business meetings were held during the year. All meetings were scheduled for a 90-minute period. Some form of recreation was planned for a part of each period. A degree team was organized and members were promptly advanced as they became qualified. The degree team visited a neighboring chapter, Earlsboro, and conducted its degree ceremonies.

Five new reference textbooks and nineteen other good books were purchased for the chapter library. In addition to these books, about

8,000 new bulletins were provided. These were bound in volumes according to subject matter.

The Shawnee chapter joined three neighboring chapters in camping and recreational contests at the F.F.A. camp on Lake Shawnee. Inter-chapter contests in baseball, volleyball, basketball, and softball were engaged in by all members in the chapter. In addition to these recreational activities, two fishing trips, a Rotary club F.F.A. picnic, and banquets sponsored by the American National Bank and the Sears Foundation were participated in by 100% of the members.

ALBANY, OREGON

(Gold Emblem)

With an active membership of 51 farm boys of which nearly ten percent are out of school, the Albany chapter earned the Gold Emblem award again this year. The chapter was under the able direction of President Orville Ohling and Adviser John Welbes. With many former members in service and several members entering the armed services during the year, the handicap which this has caused in most communities was also shared by the Albany chapter. The use of well selected committees is one of the strong features of this chapter. It is through the effective use of these real working committees that visioned achievements are actually attained. Each member completed an average of 5.1 productive projects, 12.7 improvement projects and 13.9 supplementary farm practices. The crop projects, including those for truck crops, averaged 20.7 acres, the animal projects averaged 23.2 head, and the poultry flocks averaged 164 birds. All members have in operation a long-time farming program and they also have full ownership of one or more of the production projects. The investment in farming averages \$856.50 per boy, but varies from \$424.55 for Greenhands to \$1,455.15 for Seniors. Other investments per member include \$214.00 in war bonds and stamps; \$346.75 in savings; and \$275.00 in other investments. Besides this, the chapter has \$3,200.00 of its funds invested in farming equipment and livestock.

Nearly 97 percent of the members had both crop and livestock projects. Certified or approved seed was used in all crop projects and the high standard of the livestock program is supported by the following facts. All dairy cows averaged 423 pounds of butter fat, whereas the State average is 270 pounds; the poultry flocks averaged 194 eggs per bird and the State average is 170; 9.1 pigs were raised per litter and the State average is 7; wool clip per animal is 9.7 pounds compared to 7 pounds for the State; and the lamb crop was 1.68 per ewe while that for the State is one. These figures are particularly significant because the State averages are far above those for the Nation.

The cooperative effort of the chapter has brought into fruition many worthy endeavors. Separate cooperatives are set up for swine, sheep, dairy, poultry, loans, feed, equipment and crops.

These co-ops handled several hundred head of livestock; 5,000 baby chicks; several tons of seed treated and purchased; 586 cows tested for production; approximately 100 tons of feed and minerals purchased of which about 25 tons were mixed; and eight pieces of farm machinery were purchased by the chapter including a tractor, cultivator, disc, power woodsaw, plow, harrow, power take-off and a spring tooth harrow. These cooperatives, by their investments of several thousand dollars, saved the members approximately \$1,200.00.

To assist the community the chapter practically reconstructed an old building into an ideal school-community cannery where as much as 2,000 cans of food can be processed daily. Farmers were helped by having nearly 100 tons of their fruits, nuts, and vegetables harvested as a result of organized chapter effort. Other community services included the culling of 2,100 hens, 625 trees pruned, 850 shrubs planted, 2,346 predatory animals killed and 36 tons of paper collected besides other scrap needed in the war effort.

All members participate in leadership training because every boy is on at least one standing committee. Each member averaged 15.7 leadership activities that had definite responsibility or achievement requirements. The training in leadership was evidenced outside the chapter because 72 percent of the members held membership in adult organizations. Three of the six intramural leaders chosen in the school came from the chapter which attests to the value of this part of the F.F.A. training program.

The regular chapter meetings were all held outside of regular school time, with an average of 1.3 meetings per month of 80 minutes in length with 95 percent of the membership in attendance. Besides this, the committees met during regular school hours or at other times as needed to conduct their business.

Scholarship is stressed at all times through the use of committees and other means to stimulate the students to exert their best efforts. (A cup was presented at graduation time to the boy with the most outstanding grades in the chapter.) As a result, 89 percent of the members are in the upper half of the class. In fact, 49 percent are in the upper quartile. The officers averaged 1.2 for their grades, whereas that of the chapter was 2.4, therefore, the officers were worthy examples in scholarship.

Recreation was not overlooked in that the chapter played 22 basketball games; 4 softball games; held two picnics, 4 parties, one pleasure trip, and a parent-son banquet; and made a float for a patriotic parade. Whether it is recreation or work, the evidenced ability of a superior leader as Adviser John Welbes will result in much good for the community served.

ALPINE, TEXAS (Gold Emblem)

The forty active members of the Alpine Chapter were honored for the second successive year by having their chapter rated as one of the twelve Gold Emblem Chapters in the United States.

The members of the chapter featured a strong supervised practice program on livestock, livestock products, and food crops in an effort to produce more food to help win the war. As a result of their efforts 74,118 pounds of meat, 55,000 pounds of milk, 4,125 dozen eggs, 13,000 pounds of fruit and vegetables and 8,265 pounds of wool were produced. In addition, twenty-eight members had Victory gardens. One hundred percent of the members have worked out with their parents and their teacher of vocational agriculture a four-year farming program. Each member completed an average of 4.2 productive projects; 6 improvement projects, and 20 supplementary farming practices during the year. Every member had complete ownership of one or more of his productive projects.

One of the chapter objectives was to use purebred breeding stock to improve the livestock on the home farm. Five registered beef bulls and three purebred rams are owned by chapter members. All beef-type cows and ewes owned by members of the chapter are bred to these purebred sires.

Cooperative effort ranks high in the objectives of all Future Farmer activities. Several outstanding cooperative activities were conducted by the Alpine Chapter. The outstanding accomplishments were:

1. A feed mill and motor were purchased for members to use in grinding feed for their livestock. A small service fee is charged to non-chapter members to pay for operation and upkeep of the feed mill.
2. Purebred sheep and poultry chains have been operated for several years by the chapter. Many members have been able to get purebred foundation breeding stock through this cooperative effort.
3. The chapter cooperated with other F.F.A. chapters from two counties in putting on an F.F.A. Livestock Show. Thirty-eight fat lambs, 10 fat calves, and 12 capons were exhibited by the chapter at this show.
4. Eighty percent of all livestock and crop enterprises were sold cooperatively.
5. A hotbed was operated and 3,000 tomato plants were distributed to go in the chapter members Victory gardens.
6. Twenty-six hundred and fifty-two baby chicks were hatched in the chapter-owned incubator for active members.
7. Ninety-six percent of all active members and their dads attended the annual father and son barbecue.
8. The active members cooperatively purchased 10 tons of high quality alfalfa hay and 24 tons of grain for livestock feeding projects.

Twenty-seven jobs were set up as a goal for the Alpine Chapter to accomplish in community service activities. All of the objectives were reached. Some of the major accomplishments were:

1. Active members sold \$22,000 of war bonds during the 6th War Loan Drive.
2. Culled poultry flocks for their neighbors.
3. Due to the shortage of labor, forty percent of active members swapped work with their neighbors.
4. Three hundred and twenty pounds of waste fats were collected during the year.
5. A fire prevention campaign was conducted.
6. Assisted in raising \$1,500 for National War Relief. The chapter contributed \$25 from its treasury.
7. A pest-killing campaign was sponsored and 1,876 crows, hawks, and rats were killed.

A leadership contest was sponsored to encourage members to take a more active part in this phase of the chapter program.

Pictures of all outstanding members in the chapter are made from year to year and placed in the "Hall of Fame". This is a section of the chapter room which is used to place the outstanding accomplishments of the chapter from year to year.

The Alpine Chapter sent four members to the area F.F.A. leadership training school and one member to the State F.F.A. officer training school. These members took an active part in conducting many leadership activities in the local chapter during the year.

The 40 active members have a total of \$24,171.55 or an average of \$604.28 per member invested in farming. Investments owned by the chapter include one poultry house, one feed barn, one feed mill and shed, three \$100 war bonds, one purebred gilt, 19 purebred sheep and \$300 invested in farm shop tools.

Regular meetings were held each month during the year, using all standard equipment and regular opening and closing ceremonies. Well-planned programs were presented at each meeting. Improvement in scholarship was stressed at one special program. The chapter sponsored a contest to improve the scholarship of all members. As a result 70% of all chapter members were in the upper half of their classes in all subjects.

The recreational activities of the year included: (1) Attended the annual summer camp and picnic at the State park; (2) Annual F.F.A. Christmas party with 96% of the members participating; (3) three educational tours to livestock shows; (4) special noon-day recreation with chapter-owned equipment; and, (5) chapter barbecue with 96% of boys and dads present.

HURRICANE, WEST VIRGINIA **(Gold Emblem)**

The Hurricane chapter is located on the "Midland Trail" in the beautiful and historic Teays Valley. Because of the well-balanced

program the chapter has developed and carried to completion during the past year, it has received the Gold Emblem award for the second successive year. There are 28 active members in the chapter. They are under the able leadership of President Jimmy Butler and Adviser Kerlin O. Judy. Mr. Judy has been the Adviser of this chapter since it was chartered in 1939. During that time there have been 178 members, 92 of which have entered the armed services. The chapter has been handicapped in no small measure by so many of the young men being away from the community serving their country. At the present time all but one of the recent members, who are out of school, are in some branch of the armed services.

The supervised farming program of the members is outstanding in that each member completed an average of 6.1 productive projects, 12.6 improvement projects, and 3.3 supplementary practices. This is a substantial increase over the previous year. This was partially brought about by the fact that the members went "all out" to increase their agricultural production to meet wartime demands. All of the students have complete ownership of their supervised farming programs and 93% are now conducting a long-time farming program.

Realizing that in "cooperation there is strength," this group of young farmers have been particularly active in conducting cooperative activities. They have cooperatively purchased most of their seed as well as the dust used to prevent plant disease and control crop pests. It was also through cooperative effort that they disposed of a large portion of their farm produce. The main products from the productive projects sold on a cooperative basis were potatoes, garden products, and poultry products. By working together this group of boys have continued each year to sponsor a ham-bacon and egg show. The past year 150 exhibitors participated. The show has proved to be a real stimulus to increase both the quality and quantity of the agricultural products produced in the community.

The chapter members, realizing that they are a part of the community, entered into many of the community service activities such as livestock loss prevention, fire prevention, safety campaigns, helping the needy at Christmas time, farm conservation programs, salvage campaigns and a program to improve general agriculture. Through these community service activities, they have brought about many improved practices. These activities have resulted in the planting of 46,000 trees to control erosion, increasing farm woodlots, improving wildlife conditions, increased crop production, and a reduction of preventable losses of livestock in the community. Nearly 20 tons of paper, rags and scrap metal were gathered in the salvage campaign to help meet our country wartime demands.

In an effort to improve the general leadership activities, considerable effort has been made to train members in public speaking and in proper parliamentary procedures. As a result of this effort,

the chapter's team in parliamentary procedure placed first in the Federation contest. Other leadership activities include equipping a chapter library, writing news articles for publications, participating in livestock judging contests, and conducting a local leadership contest.

The chapter has realized a net profit of \$698.57 through the collection and sale of war-needed salvage material and by making a small service charge for handling seed corn, garden seeds, tobacco seeds and dust to control plant diseases and crop pests. This working capital has been particularly helpful in conducting the many worth while activities in which the chapter has participated. The supervised farming programs of the students have netted an average labor income of \$484.49 per member. The members have an average investment of \$466.49 per member. The members have an average investment of \$466.23 in farming. This does not include their savings which are used to finance their farming programs. The chapter has a thrift bank with a board of directors and other officers. This bank makes loans to members to finance their productive enterprises and has served to increase the size of the supervised farming programs. The thrift bank also handles the sale of war bonds and stamps for the chapter. The members have purchased nearly \$1,000 in war bonds and stamps during the year.

Chapter meetings are held each week during regular extra-curricular school period. These meetings average one hour in length and the members follow the regular parliamentary procedure in conducting their meetings. During the summer, six meetings were held to take care of essential chapter business.

Scholarship has been the topic of discussion at several of the regular meetings in an effort to stimulate more interest. Other devices used to improve the scholastic standing of the students include record book contests, Federation contest awards for high grades, chapter honor roll, and award of points in the activity contests. All of these have contributed to the fine standing of the vocational agriculture students when compared to the rest of the student body. Sixty percent of chapter members are above the school average.

To provide needed recreation for this chapter of busy farm boys, the group had 17 basketball and softball games, conducted an F.F.A. party, sponsored a party for the home economics group, and had a banquet for the chapter members and their parents.

UNIDIS, WEST MILFORD, WEST VIRGINIA

(Gold Emblem)

Under the guidance of President Russell Riffle and Adviser L. F. Hutton, the 33 active members of the Unidis Chapter completed an outstanding program of work and received the Gold Emblem award.

This chapter, like many others, was handicapped by the loss of several of its members to the armed services.

The supervised farming programs of the students in the Unidis Chapter have been outstanding as indicated by the fact that each member averaged 4.7 completed productive projects. In addition, the members completed an average of 11 improvement projects and 10.1 supplementary farm practices. All of the boys had full ownership of one or more productive farming projects which were conducted on a long-time farming program basis. Each chapter member has established a home farm shop and reconditioned his farm machinery.

All active members participated in one or more cooperative activities with the result that a very large proportion of the chapter buying and selling activities were conducted through cooperatives. Over 45 tons of seeds, 65,000 vegetable plants, and approximately 20 tons of commercial fertilizer were purchased cooperatively. Through chapter cooperatives 6 tons of walnuts and several thousand pounds of vegetables and dressed poultry were sold. Other cooperative activities include a pig ring, a community ham-bacon and egg show, and a junior production credit association. Through the latter activity, several hundred dollars in loans were made to members to start or enlarge their farming programs.

The community service program and the results obtained have been outstanding. A fair was held in which 235 exhibitors had 1500 entries. A clean-up campaign was conducted for the town in which 12 loads of trash were removed. Through salvage drives, over 16 tons of paper, metal and rags were collected. This salvaged material was one of the chapter's many contributions to the war effort.

As a part of the soil conservation program, plans were developed for controlling erosion on three farms. Contour lines were run and a diversion ditch laid out. A total of 2,500 trees and 10,000 kudzu crowns were planted to conserve soil and improve land. As a contribution to the wildlife conservation program, 550 pounds of seeds were provided for birds at 23 feeding stations.

To stimulate safety, a fire prevention program was conducted and attended by 400 persons. Twenty-one posters were placed in conspicuous locations and 8 members of the chapter belong to the forest fire fighters. In a further effort to stimulate safety and fire prevention, articles were written for local papers on this subject.

A total of 390 work days of labor was provided by chapter members to farmers in producing and harvesting crops. A livestock loss prevention program was sponsored jointly with the farmers in the community. This included such activities as treating horses and mules for bots and treating sheep to control stomach worms.

In the Unidis chapter, leadership training is a four-year program. All chapter members receive training and participate in such activities as parliamentary procedure, public speaking contests, record book contests, radio broadcasts and in writing chapter news

articles. Through these activities several honors have been won in Federation and state leadership contests.

The total earning by the chapter this year was \$890. This amount was earned through several chapter activities such as the collection and sale of scrap materials needed in the war program, conduction of a minstrel show, chapter productive enterprises, butchering hogs, handling charges on products bought and sold on a cooperative basis, field day lunch stand, and through dues and assessments. The average labor income per individual derived from farming activities was \$282.42 and each member has invested an average of \$183.03 in his farming program. In addition each boy has invested approximately \$125 in war bonds and stamps and in other savings.

Chapter meetings, which average one hour in length, are held each week during the school year. During the summer, five meetings were held with 95% of the members in attendance. All of the members are well acquainted with parliamentary procedure and the regular ritual is used in opening and closing all meetings.

Scholarship is stressed through many chapter activities such as awarding points for high achievement in activity contests, using scholarship as a theme for chapter meetings, giving special assistance in informal study groups, and awarding a scholarship plaque. As a result of these activities to improve scholarship, 60% of the members are in the upper half of their class in school.

The recreation program was exceptionally broad. It included a parent and son banquet, basketball games, camping trip, minstrel show, F.F.A. quartet, Federation field day, and several F.F.A. parties. Practically all of the members participated in these recreational activities.

Citations For Honorary American Farmers

WALTER H. ATZENWEILER

Agricultural Commissioner, Chamber of Commerce

Kansas City, Missouri

Mr. Atzenweiler is Agricultural Commissioner of the Kansas City, Missouri, Chamber of Commerce. Since he has been employed in that capacity he has cooperated in every way possible with the Future Farmers of America. His assistance has proven especially valuable at the time of our National F.F.A. Conventions. His interest and that of the Chamber of Commerce, which he represents, is very much appreciated. We are pleased to confer upon him the Honorary American Farmer Degree in recognition of his services to the Future Farmers of America.

RUSSELL L. GUIN

Vice-President, Interstate Printing and Publishing Company

Danville, Illinois

Mr. Guin is Vice-President of the Interstate Printing and Publishing Company of Danville, Illinois. For many years he has been associated with the vocational agriculture program. He has traveled in every State and has become one of the outstanding boosters for the F.F.A. Each year he speaks at many Future Farmer banquets. He was largely responsible for the continuance and development of the AMERICAN FARM YOUTH Magazine, which is devoted almost exclusively to the Future Farmers of America. The company which he represents has published many books for students of vocational agriculture and for F.F.A. members. Mr. Guin and his company have been most cooperative with the Future Farmers of America. We are pleased to confer upon him the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

I. W. DUGGAN

Governor, Farm Credit Administration

Kansas City, Missouri

I. W. Duggan, Governor, Farm Credit Administration, was born on a farm in Georgia. He graduated in agriculture from Clemson College, South Carolina, taught vocational agriculture in the high schools of South Carolina, served as teacher trainer in agricultural education at Clemson College and Mississippi State College, agricultural economist with the Agricultural Adjustment Administra-

tion, assistant director of the Southern Division, A.A.A., director of the Southern Division, A.A.A., and is now Governor of the Farm Credit Administration.

This is a record of unusual advancement made by a man who has earned every forward step because of his efficiency. Mr. Duggan has always made a prominent place in his program for the work of vocational agriculture. His service to F.F.A. members earns for him the recognition he justly deserves.

The national organization of the Future Farmers of America is privileged to confer upon the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration the Honorary Degree of American Farmer.

J. C. CASH

President, Kansas City Stock Yards Company

Kansas City, Missouri

Mr. J. C. Cash in his capacity as Chairman of the Kansas City Stock Yards Company and as a member of the Kansas City Advisory Committee in charge of local arrangements for F.F.A. conventions, has always been keenly interested in our national program of vocational education in agriculture and activities of the Future Farmers of America. He has helped to make the best facilities available for our Livestock Judging Contests and has always supported our program whenever called upon to do so. We recognize in Mr. Cash the real friend of the Future Farmers of America and it is a genuine pleasure to bestow upon him the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

A. W. TURNER

Assistant Chief, Bureau of Plant Industry

Beltsville, Maryland

For several years, Mr. A. W. Turner, now Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has been a close friend and staunch supporter of the Future Farmers of America. He has attended many of our national conventions and several regional conferences of State supervisors and teacher trainers of agricultural education. In addition to his own enthusiastic personal interest in the F.F.A., Mr. Turner has been instrumental in gaining many new supporters for the F.F.A. among his many friends and acquaintances. He has been a real booster for our Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated ever since it was organized.

In recognition of Mr. Turner's efforts in behalf of the Future Farmers of America, the national organization is happy to bestow upon him the Honorary Degree of American Farmer.

The following teachers of vocational agriculture were awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree in recognition of their F.F.A. chapters winning the Gold Emblem award:

CLAUDE E. BOGGS, Talbotton, Georgia

D. A. PARISH, Byron, Illinois

ROBERT J. WALKER, Chenoa, Illinois

J. P. TRUITT, Lexington, Kentucky

GRAYDON BLANK, Alma, Michigan

R. A. PILSTER, Neligh, Nebraska

OTTO T. KRAUSSE, Shawnee, Oklahoma

L. F. HUTTON, West Milford, West Virginia

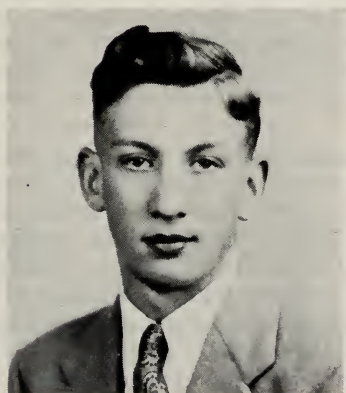




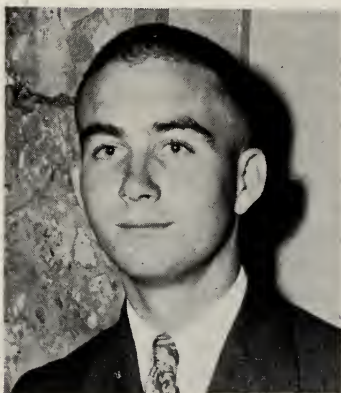
(1) DAVID ELK
Eden, New York



(2) EUGENE HANSEN
Garland, Utah



(3) JAMES WM. MIDDLETON
Xenia, Ohio



(4) HENRY L. YELVERTON
Kilbourne, Louisiana

Public Speaking Contest

The Annual National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest was first made possible in 1930 through the interest and generosity of Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas who, for two years, sponsored the event and offered prizes. From that time until 1944 the national organization of Future Farmers of America was the sponsor. During the past two years the Future Farmers of America Foundation, Incorporated, sponsored the contest and gave the awards.

The Sixteenth National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest took place in the Little Theater of the Municipal Auditorium on Tuesday, October 9. The four finalists placing in the order indicated representing four administrative regions were:

1. David Elk, Eden, New York—"Post-War Rural Education."
2. Eugene Hansen, Garland, Utah—"Hidden Powers in Agriculture."
3. James William Middleton, Xenia, Ohio—"What Next?"
4. Henry L. Yelverton, Kilbourne, Louisiana—"Agricultural Reconversion."

Each contestant was the author of his own speech, having studied his subject, prepared the draft and practiced its delivery. Each speech represented original thought and original work on the part of the contestant with coaching on composition and delivery limited, by the rules of the contest, to the facilities of the school from which the contestant came. Each boy was at liberty to choose his own subject.

The contest was judged by three competent and impartial persons. Prior to the contest the judges were furnished with type-written copies of the contestants' productions which they read and graded on content and composition. At the contest the judges scored each contestant on the delivery of his production. A maximum of 300 points was allowed for the written production and 700 points for delivery. Questions were asked by the judges to test each contestant on his ability to think on his feet and on general knowledge of his subject.

The judges were:

Walter H. Atzenweiler, Agricultural Commissioner, Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City, Missouri.

J. G. Gunning, Advertising Department, Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (Winner, National F.F.A. Public Speaking Contest, 1937)

A. W. Turner, Assistant Chief, Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Maryland.

The speeches of the four contestants follow:

"POST-WAR RURAL EDUCATION"**by David Elk, Eden, New York**

Today, rural America is living in the dawn of a new world, a world with vast and unlimited opportunities; a world of chemurgy and advanced technology, of improved production and distribution techniques, of higher labor efficiency through improved farm machinery, of quick-freezing and dehydration of farm products, of expanded co-operation between rural and urban populations; and finally, a world of more skilled, more progressive, and more highly educated farmers than has ever been known. This post-war era offers opportunities to all American farmers. These are agriculture's new frontiers, which are today's dreams, will become tomorrow's realities.

How can such high standards of the post-war world be successfully achieved by American farmers when it is believed that today, agriculture is at a peak of prosperity?

Or is it prosperity at all? Even now we cannot overlook the fact that thousands of farmsteads are rapidly depreciating beyond repair. There are some in your neighborhood and mine. Undoubtedly, you have noticed the run-down condition of the buildings, badly in need of paint and repair, the worn and rusty farm machinery scattered throughout fields and yards, the eroded and sub-marginal soil, barely furnishing a living for its operators, the scrawny and impoverished condition of the livestock, reflecting the poor management and lack of training among these people. However, this dark cloud of poverty has a silver lining—a lining that holds the solution to the drudgery and simple living of these people. The lining is post-war education.

Many years ago, prominent men in history foresaw the need for a better agriculture and a more highly educated farmer. The wise Daniel Webster said, "All national wealth depends upon an enlightened agriculture". Today, this need has become a reality. Expanding rural education is a "must" in our post-war plans.

Why is there this great necessity for future instruction? In my opinion four reasons. Analyzing the present economic situation as compared to that of the last war, we find four things most certain to result from its outcome.

First, a period of declining price levels

Second, the development of new farm practices and equipment

Third, the need for adjustments for a "back-to-normal" period

Fourth, a more highly educated farmer who can adapt his farm program to meet these conditions.

A similar situation can surely be expected to follow World War II. Farm adjustments are certain and necessary to follow every abnormal period. All of us know that today, we are producing under very abnormal conditions, a fact which indicates the need for

farm adjustments. Present day, as well as future farmers, must be trained in efficiently carrying out these progressive procedures.

One adjustment will be the introduction of new and more complicated farm machinery such as pick-up balers, automatic combines and other machines run with little human assistance. Such equipment, we trust, will be within the reach of the average farmer. For years, people have said "This is the age of machinery", and yet each succeeding generation has been limited in the use of labor-saving equipment. However, the recent war-time conditions have emphasized the need for such machinery and the necessity to train ourselves in selecting, operating and maintaining a post-war mechanized farm.

A noted increase in the rural building cycle will be a second prominent requirement. Adults, as well as farm youth, should receive sufficient training in constructing and repairing their farm shelters. Efficient arrangement, and construction of farm building has been brought out by the war as a definite measure in labor-saving practices. Many new products, such as plastics, laminated wood and pre-fabricated buildings will soon appear on the future average farm.

Improved efficiency in production in post-war America will be a third very outstanding adjustment necessary for a better agriculture. Crop productions will become a planned program directed toward conservation rather than the destruction of soil fertility. With the advancement of technology, new and improved crops and methods of production will highlight this phase of progress. Our agricultural leaders must prepare themselves to instruct and guide the rural people in the adapting of these new methods to the "home farm".

A fourth major advancement will be in the field of marketing. Soon American markets will again look for quality instead of quantity, for peacetime luxuries instead of wartime necessities. Much thought must be given to the question of how successfully agriculture will bridge the gap between war and peace. Will we be able to hold the expanded markets enjoyed today by rural people? Can we find new markets likely to come with the return of adequate labor, equipment and supplies? It is my firm belief, that science through chemurgy and advanced research will definitely aid in solving these problems. Quick-freezing and dehydration units, industrial markets for farm products and the manufacture of innumerable by-products of formerly wasted materials are just a few contributions of the test-tube toward developing post-war markets.

Farming is becoming more and more a business—a business requiring a technical knowledge of the diseases and breeding, the feeding and fertilization of plants and animals. Agriculturalists must be able to make proper adjustments at the correct time. Therefore, an investment in a vocational course in agriculture is likely to pay still higher dividends in the future than it has paid in the past.

Today, even adult farmers have realized the value of extending their education through systematic agricultural instruction. The war has brought with it, tremendous increases in the number of adults now enrolled in these educational classes. Statistics now show that for every one student enrolled in vocational agriculture, ten adults have the opportunity to participate in organized school services. All of this proves the imperative need for schools to continue training adult farmers.

The future of Rural America lies in education, education for developing the agricultural and human resources through the practical experiences of the past. In a recently completed survey covering a period of thirty years, it has been shown that men with a college education in agriculture, have attained a labor income twice that of high school graduates, and five times that of grade school graduates. The significance of this survey is apparent. It is up to our rural youth today, now studying vocational agriculture, to assume the leadership of tomorrow by co-operation with prominent leaders of farm organizations in paving the way toward achieving agriculture's goals. These leaders must receive adequate training now, in preparing to extend their knowledge throughout rural America. Thus, the post-war ideals shall some day be realized on our nation's farms.

Calvin Coolidge said, "We cannot abandon our education at the school house door. We must keep it up through life." So must vocational agriculture continue training its rural people to keep pace with tomorrow's progressive, peace-time America. American farmers have met their obligations of war time. Can they meet, as successfully, their objectives in peace?

HIDDEN POWERS IN AGRICULTURE

by Eugene Hansen, Garland, Utah

Last summer as I worked in the fields, I often watched the great locomotives pulling their huge train of cars up the slight grade at the foot of the stately Wellsville mountain. Often during the summer I asked myself, "Where is the power of that locomotive? How can it move such an enormous load?" I could not see the source of power. Yet, there was power there. Was this power hidden? Yes, to the casual observer, it was! The locomotive possessed hidden powers.

Immediately I became interested in comparing the hidden powers of the engine with those of man. Or, does man have hidden powers as does the engine? The power of the engine, although hidden, is fixed—it has a maximum efficiency. With proper use, the hidden powers of man, found in the form of abilities, continue to expand. These hidden powers of man, or these abilities which normally do not show on the surface, must be called upon to their greatest capacity in order to insure peace, plenty, and prosperity for this great nation of ours.

It is my purpose to show that the ability of man to uncover the hidden powers found in either natural or produced raw materials is going to be one of the major items in determining the future of rural America.

The farmer of today is aware of the fact that agriculture and industry have an inter-dependence upon each other. This means that a problem of agriculture is a problem of industry and visa versa.

The future integration of agriculture and industry will do much to solve some of our approaching problems. The success of this integration will depend upon two factors—First, to locate purely industrial enterprises in rural areas; and second, to uncover the hidden powers of resources in agriculture and make that power utilize farm products, either as a whole or as surpluses.

Our future industries—especially those which are in any way related to agriculture, if constructed near the source of supply, would utilize the supply of material mostly at its source, and would at the same time employ some local labor. This would place many industries in rural areas.

The idea of establishing industry in rural areas is not entirely new. Kellogg and Post started the cereal industry in the rural area of Battlecreek, Michigan. Henry Ford started his large new automobile plant at Dearborn. As a matter of fact, many present industrial centers were at one time rural.

But the idea of establishing industry in rural areas and keeping the area mostly on a rural level is new. Its accomplishment can be realized by proper planning and zoning before the area becomes too congested.

It is apparent that the centralized development of industry during the past century and a half has had an enormous influence upon the human race; especially in economic instability of large segments of our population. In discussing this situation Louis Bromfield infers that the only element of the population which has made any real gain through the concentration of industry into vast cities like Detroit or Pittsburgh is the minute segment of population which owned the earth upon which the cities were built. If, for example, the satellite plants which are certain to follow an industry such as Utah's \$190,000,000 Geneva Steel Mill are located in nearby communities instead of being centralized in the immediate vicinity of the steel mill, some of the desired results of rural industry can be obtained. The location of the new industries, as well as the planning of residential districts should be handled by qualified planning and zoning committees.

Many authorities agree with this idea. True Morse, President of Doan Agriculture Service in Mississippi, suggests that farmers carry out the first steps in processing farm products. D. A. Milligan, of Harry Ferguson, Incorporated, proposes that farmers work part time on the land and part time in nearby factories. Professor F. E. Price, of the Oregon State College, says, "Farmers and their

families should process flax for fiber and also set up community plants for processing and packing fruits and vegetables." Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada says, "Profits become a serious problem if they cannot be reinvested and put to business making more wealth. Therefore, the nation must continually find ways of creating new enterprizes. Larger western industrialization is the logical solution."

There are excellent opportunities for expanding agricultural industries. In the United States we have an abundance of available water power to generate cheap electricity, which is extremely important in the development of new industries as well as in the extension of farm acreage. The Green River, a major tributary of the Colorado River, has been discussed freely as an irrigation and power project in my home state. This project would bring water from the Green River into Bear Lake and would furnish irrigation water for large areas of the Curlew Valley in Southern Idaho and Northwestern Utah. The Colorado River Project in Southeastern Utah would irrigate thousands of acres of Southern Utah lands and furnish power for numerous small industries. There are many large streams in our nation which could likewise be developed for the good of agriculture and of industry.

With the development of new lands the pessimist will point to the dangers of surpluses and say, "Crop prices will be low because of overproduction. Why grow more?" The answer is that crops mean more than food. Crops are also raw materials which can be used in industries. For example, the United States annually consumes about 650,000,000 bushels of wheat. We are now producing about 850,000,000 bushels. If the normal volume of wheat continues to go into the regular channels of consumption and brings normal price, the surplus or that in excess of our actual consumption needs, can go into industry to manufacture alcohol which can be used as fuel, or as a source of synthetic rubber. Likewise sweet potatoes and sugar beet molasses can be used to manufacture alcohol. Alfalfa, fiber plants, casein, and wood can be used in making plastics. The castor bean may be used to make lubricating oils or insecticides. Cull potatoes can be used for making starch. Thousands of new developments have been or will be created which may provide the stimulus for greater use of agricultural products in factories, thereby satisfying the farmer's constant urge to produce more and more.

I am personally convinced that if new industries are located in rural areas near the source of raw materials, and small units of industry especially related to agriculture are located in the farming area, great advantages would result both for agriculture and for industry. To integrate these two requires a great deal of scientific skill. I have sufficient faith in the abilities of the average American and in the progressive spirit of youth to believe that we shall work out a profitable relationship between agriculture and industry, one

that will promote security and personal development, not only for the farmer but for the people of America.

Like the locomotive, man does have hidden powers. And as the engine released its hidden powers to climb the steeper grade, so will the agriculturalist, the industrialist, and the scientist uncover hidden powers to guide their economic destiny along that difficult road of prosperity. It was the steepness of the grade which challenged the power of the locomotive. It is the opportunity for agriculture to produce and to market its products on a profitable basis that challenges the future of agriculture.

With the uncovering of hidden powers of man, of agricultural opportunities, and of the raw materials for industry, the farmer will enjoy the vision, the imagination, and the security which will make the farm the finest place to live in America.

WHAT NEXT?

by James William Middleton, Xenia, Ohio

Uncertainly we stand within the doorway of a new age. Behind us, the door to yesterday has slammed shut, that yesterday, that two months ago, we thought so modern, so shining and new, with its electricity and machinery, its giant planes and guns, its trucks and tanks. And as one of the heirs of this new age, I too, am uncertain. You, who sit before me, probably took a hand in shaping your own future. But what hand can I, or any other Future Farmer, take in shaping our lives?

For four years, I have been a Future Farmer. In my first year I bought a registered gilt and from that small beginning grew my herd of outstanding hogs. Of course, it wasn't quite as easy as that. There were feeding and housing programs to be worked out with my adviser; there were long nights with farrowing sows, so that no pigs need be lost. First, the hired hand left and then Brother Tom went to the army. There were long summer days in the fields, cold winter mornings milking, feeding and watering before the school bus came. There were those evenings when basketball practice became only a dream, to be replaced by farm work. Only F.F.A. meetings did not give place to the pressure of work. It was in those meetings that we learned parliamentary procedure. We learned to express our opinions in public speaking, to organize a group of boys and to plan our part in war efforts such as scrap drives, apple picking, tree planting, sheep shearing and sheep dipping.

Now this cycle of work and learning is over and, uncertain for the first time, I wonder, "What Next?" Will my draft board take me? Eighteen boys out of my class of forty-three have already gone. Will I sell my prized livestock or turn them over to someone else to care for? If I stay on the farm, what will be next? Will prices stay fairly high or will farm commodities drop to depression

level? Should I buy that high priced boar I need for my herd or should I retrench and wait to see what trend prices will take?

Before we can answer these questions let us take stock of our assets. On the farm and in school we learned to take losses without grumbling, to accept responsibility, to assume leadership, to express our thoughts in public speaking, to climb to the top through competition.

Only last month we had a letter from a past member of our chapter, once a prominent public speaker, parliamentarian, and judging contest winner, now a navigator in the Navy. He wrote, "The things we learned in vocational agriculture help us greatly when we leave school." The boys may not use parliamentary or public speaking directly, and they may never again have to judge crops, meat or wool, but learning to do anything like that really well puts them mentally above the average soldier or sailor, and the discipline of knowing one or two things perfectly, gives them a head start in life.

So if I go to the army I need not worry; and what awaits me if I stay at home? Here too, I have a big job to tackle. Not only do we have to feed our own country, but we also have to feed large occupation armies, probably 200,000 boys in Japan and 300,000 in Europe, and a Navy that will police the waterways of the world. And that is not all. Our president said on the eve of our victory, "As winter comes on, the distress in Europe will increase. Desperate men are liable to destroy society to find in the wreckage some substitute for hope. Unless we do what we can to help we may lose next winter what we won at such terrible cost last spring. We must help to the limits of our strength. And we will." Americans have always been known for their humanitarian principles, but this is not just charity. It's common sense. Unless we help to feed and warm Europe this winter, until she can get her ruined industries working again, and produce goods with which to trade, our own markets in the West will vanish. Fifteen million homeless women and children must be fed or the final stage of Hitler's plan for Europe will be reached—a weakened, decimated and degenerate Europe that will fall an easy prey to Germany if she rises to fight the next world war.

How shall I meet this challenge if I can continue my life on the farm? I shall produce wisely, influenced neither by a reckless post-war orgy of spending, nor by the tendency to economize too drastically at the cost of my farm program. I shall maintain the high level of my livestock, for never before were good foundation animals more needed than today. In short, I shall practice carefully what I have learned in my four years of vocational agriculture.

But yet another problem confronts our family. I haven't said much about Brother Tom, yet he is never forgotten in our thoughts. He, too, must find his place in our farm life when he returns next month, and his plans will very closely affect mine. We all know what he has gone through and we know that he, too, has plans for

a post war world, plans beaten out on the anvil of bloody warfare and tempered by the fires of planes, crashing to the earth in flames. If he should want to go to college or own a farm of his own, he can not neglect the educational opportunities and financial help offered him by our government. And don't think that these promises don't have teeth in them. To illustrate their power, I want to tell you the experience of a local farm boy, who returned from abroad, with a desire to farm. He rented a farm on the share and, in order to work it, applied for a tractor. In two days that tractor was delivered and out at work. How long have we civilians waited for our new tractors?

"It looks as if Tom need have few worries for the future" and the possibility that he may be near enough to co-operate with me in working the home farm, is a very pleasant prospect.

After considering the assets of the farm boy, do you think that the problem of "What Next" need bewilder or confuse us? It should not, if we meet the challenge. As citizens of a democracy, we F.F.A. boys cannot avoid the problems that yet await us. We are a democracy and as such we have a share in our government and a direct responsibility in its decisions. Has not our president just said that upon all of us, as acting members of a democracy, must fall the blame of Pearl Harbor? We must take an intelligent interest in what is going on and we must voice our objections, if we do not think that our government is acting for the good of all. We, as Future Farmers, must not violate the precious trust that has been laid in our hands. We must keep the farms producing, our budgets well balanced and our savings in War Bonds intact. We must and will do all we can to win the peace. We must and will repay our country for this sense of security our education has given us. We must and will make America the favored country in which to live, a democracy of the people, by the people, for the people.

AGRICULTURAL RECONVERSION

by Henry L. Yelverton, Kilbourne, Louisiana

The future holds promise of great prosperity; the granger holds the key. It is rather difficult for us to conceive the depths of the farmer's responsibility in the restoration of harmony to a war-shattered world, but of indisputable significance is this fact: upon the shoulders of the farmer rests the destiny of our nation.

Tomorrow will see the advent of the most spectacular changes in agriculture ever inscribed upon the pages of time. Before the agronomist can pen this chapter, however, he must contend with and overcome the obstacles closest at hand—thus bridging the gap between war and peace. The task will be difficult and time will be needed to alter the conditions now prevalent. But a good farmer possesses the characteristics of self-confidence, foresight, and perseverance. He will not falter if the going gets tough.

Six months following the cessation of hostilities in the Pacific theatre, there will be a wave of millions of soldiers storming cities and farms in search of jobs. Civilians, too, expelled from temporary war plants, will be seeking work. What can be done with an estimated 60,000,000 men and women? Machinery is to a great extent displacing manual labor on both farm and factory. What, then, will be the ultimate outcome when these men and women, in desperation, turn to the farm? Therein lies our major difficulty in establishing our post-war farming program. It is plain to be seen that a suitable plan is adopted, there will occur the greatest panic in history.

There is no law compelling farmers to ship their products north for processing. There is no law asserting that middlemen must make the profits on farm produced articles. There is no law demanding farmers to send their hogs to Kansas City packing houses, or their cotton to New England mills. Yet, these conditions prevail, merely because agriculture and industry refuse to act as cousins should.

An attempt to insure economic stability after the war will necessitate a stronger coalition of agriculture and industry. It is not necessary for industrial plants to be confined to the great cities. There is no reason why food processing plants should not be scattered over the areas where food is grown. Potato storage houses and dehydrating plants can be constructed in the sweet potato districts, absorbing, on the spot, every ounce of that valuable vegetable. Packing houses can be erected in hog-growing sections; flour mills in wheat areas. In the case of the latter, excess grain can be easily and economically converted into motor fuel. Plants can be established in peanut-growing sections, extracting from the nuts their precious oils and, simultaneously, converting the by-products into the thousand-and-one articles advanced by the famous scientist, George Washington Carver. America should not continue to waste those valuable articles classed as by-products. Food processing plants, established at the source, will eliminate such needless waste.

This plan is not a flimsy, unstable caprice of one person's will. It has been proven, in and about the parish of West Carroll, to be both sound and profitable. Its effects there are amazing; its value, unprecedented. Before the potato storage house was erected in West Carroll, only a few scattered farmers produced potatoes for the market. Now, production of sweet potatoes is rapidly gaining momentum. The storage house purchases farm products directly from the farmer, and because of this inimitable advantage, potato production in that parish has jumped from a \$12,000 crop in 1942, to a \$250,000 crop in 1944. Greater still, the number of contracts already signed underline an inevitable million dollar crop for 1945. Cotton dropped in that parish from 25,000 bales in 1943 to 23,000 bales in 1944—a decline of 2,000 bales or \$200,000. Cotton cannot be sold there directly to the processing mills. It must travel through the hands of middlemen, each making a profit, to the Eastern and New England mills. Furthermore, due to the immediate marketing

advantage, the average income from one acre of sweet potatoes is \$187.00. The income from an acre of cotton rarely exceeds \$100.00. As soon as the necessary supplies can be obtained, a dehydrating plant and a canning plant are to be constructed in the vicinity of the storage house. The effects of this forthcoming certainty can be easily understood now. The latent qualities of West Carroll's good soil will be brought to the surface, production will be stimulated, a more diversified farming program will be established, the standard of living will be raised—a number of good things, including of course employment for out-of-work men and women. Yes, that is the solution to their problem. Those men and women will not be disappointed when they return to that parish. Jobs will be awaiting them. Employment, first, in the construction of West Carroll's future processing plants, then, permanent jobs as factory workers.

The example shown of that parish proves the soundness of this plan; no difficulties have arisen there which cannot be overcome. Farmers accepted the opportunities offered them and are welcoming the new and promising product—sweet potatoes. That parish is realizing the greatest age of prosperity it has ever witnessed before—hence, its economic advantages are unparalleled. Agricultural reconversion demands that agriculture and manufacturing combine their powers to advance the interests of all involved. I advocate this plan because of its basic soundness—because of the unlimited opportunities it offers to those who participate in its movement—because of its great contribution to our economic welfare. Since agriculture and manufacturing are brothers in industry, they should fulfill the requirements demanded of their relationship.



